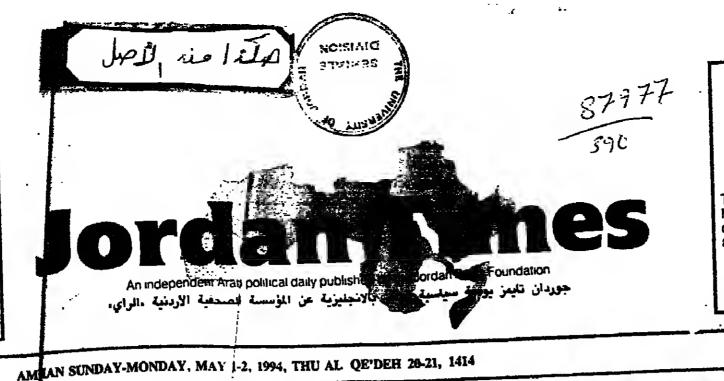
Hamas rejects Israeli offer

DAMASCUS (AFP) — The islamic Resistance Movement, Habas, on Saturday rejected an Israeli offer to free its imprisoned founder. Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, provided he renounced "terrorism." Himas said in a statement released to Damascus: "The enemies well now that he (Sheikh Yasun) rejects their conditions and would rather for in prison than fulfil their wishes." Hamas called for "the immediate, inconditional release, of Sheikh Yasun," describing as "rideullus, the conditional offer made by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Feres said on Israeli Television Friday. Mr. Peres said that if the Humas Seader "calls on his people to halt terrorism and states that he supports peace I will favour his release and even dialogue with him." Hamas said the Israeli proposal "shows that the health of the sheiks is in danger and the Israeli government fears the reactions of the Palestinians and Hamas if, God forbid, anything happens toflum." Hamas, a rival to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank, is violently opposed to the Middle East peace process and the Israeli-PLO autonomy dealstruck in Washington in September.



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Jordan allows free entry

and exit for West Bankers Only condition is that they fold valid return permits

Salameh Hammad

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reunion cards should ensure

that they remain valid all the

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inspection department will see

to it that these regulations are

respected.
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part of a peace settlement.

Israelis living in 32 settlements. Mr. Christopher took the

plan into a meeting with Presi-

dent Assad, following one

bour of talks with Foreign

Syrian radio said Damascus

rejects half-solutions and

does not accept any comprom-

ise over Arah rights and land."

serious if they do not involve a

total withdrawal from the

The English-language Syria Times said "there is no more

place for honey words," while

the government daily Tishrin

stressed "Syria is not ready to

give up one inch of its (Israeli)-

occupied land."

Golan...," the radio said.

Israel's proposals "cannot be

Minister Farouk Al Sharaa.

valid return permits.

AMMAN (J.T.) - The government on Toesday announced new rules that allow Palestinians from the graeli-occupied West Bank ree entry and residence in the Kingdom as long as they hold

valid permits to return home. The move came a day after Interior Minister Salameh Hammad said that restrictions imposed six years ago to prevent a massive Palestinian influx into Jordan were no longer feasible in view of the impending autonomy for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza

The new measures, which take effect immediately, were announced by Mr. Hammad on Saturday.

The measures are: . Cancellation of previous restrictions governing the entr-ince into Jordan of youths ged 26 to 36. They will be lowed ioto the Kingdom thout having 10 acquire prior proval from the ministry's low-up and inspection de-tment provided they hold

en Israeli permits for travel. Palestinian residents who had their documents seized hy follow-up and inspection Cartment as a guarantee for return will have their ments returned to them. israeli plan said to offer

leaders Saturday with an

Israeli offer of a phased with-

drawal from the Golan

Heights, but state radio here

ruled out anything short of a

Israeli reports said Saturday

Israel is offering to withdraw

from three Druze villages in

the Golan Heights in the first

phase of a peace settlement

The proposal, "Majdal

Shams first," was part of an

Israeli package presented to Syrian President Hafez Assad

by Mr. Christopher, Israel

The package includes an

offer to withdraw on the Golan

in three stages over eight

years, said Israel TV's second

In the first stage, Israel

would return to Syria three

Druze villages. In the second

stage, it would dismantle Jew-

ish senlements on the Golan.

SANAA (Agencies) — Reports conflicted on Saturday

over the situation in Yemen.

Some reports said violence had

ebbed while others said the

threat of civil was was looming.

The Associated Press said

the threat of civil war had

receded as rival northern and

southern armies reportedly

halted three days of heavy

fighting amid an Egyptian

But reports from the south

said tension there was high and

troops of both sides were on a

Northern security officials in

Sanaz said there were no re-

ports of fighting Saturday "as

soldiers' families crowded into

the ancient city securing word

of their relatives after roads

But the AFP said fighting

flated up again between the

rival forces Saturday as the

cornerly divided country tee-

tered on the hrink of civil

mediation effort

combat footing.

were reopened.

th: TV report said.

total pullout.

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Radio said.

channel.

3. Youths aged between 26 and 36 years will be allowed to enter the Kingdom even if they hold Israel: permits allowing them to be absent for a month and will not need prior approval from the follow-up and inspection departments.

4. Travellers coming to Jordan across the bridges on the River Jordan will not have their documents impounded pro-vided they hold Israeli permits, open or restricted.

Students from the occupied West Bank will be allowed to enter Jordanian schools if one of their pareots does not have a family reunion permit from the Israeli authorities. Also students whose parents hold the yellow permit cards will be free to join any school in the King-

6. West Bankers who were turned back hy the follow-up and inspection department for violating its former instructions and regulations will now be allowed to enter the Kingdom,

7. Palestinian husbands of Jordanian women who hold no family reunion documents are allowed to live in Jordan as long as their return permits remain valid, Also Palestinian wives, whether they carry grees or yellow permit cards, will be allowed to live with

'Majdal Shams first' to Syria

of withdrawal from the Golan.

Israel's chief negotiator with

the Syrians, Itamar Rabino-

vich, said Saturday that "the

Americans didn't take any

maps with them on which lines

(of withdrawal) have been

ing with ideas, impressions,"

Mr. Rabinovich told the radio.

"And I think these ideas are

sufficient to have a very in-

teresting discussion with Presi-

Israel Radio said a map drawn by Israeli military plan-

ners includes three Druze vil-

lages - Majdal Shams, Masa-

da and Bugata as part of a first

stage of withdrawal. All three

are within several kilometres

of the Israeli-Syrian ceasefire

line, and Israel would with-

draw within three months, the

A fourth Druze village, Ein

Kiniya, located on lower

Reports conflict over clashes

report said.

dent Assad in Damascus."

"Bur they are certainly com-

the report said.

effect as of May 1, 1994 cancelling all previous regulations in this concern.

Mr. Hammad told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Fri-"The earlier measures were aimed at consolidating Palestinian steadfastness in the occupied territories and blocking Israeli plans of pushing out Palestinians from their home

The new move: - Permits West Bank Palestinians entry to the Kingdom without having to obtain a permit prior to arrival. It also allows them unlimited residen-

cy here. - Gives students who do not have Jordanian citizenship and whose entry to the Kingdom was restricted free entry and the right to study in Jordanian schools and universities.

Palestinians who were banned from visiting Jordan for violating rules and regulations have been pardoned and can now return to the country. Since Jordan severed legal

and administrative ties with the West Bank in July 1988, it introduced measures aimed at curbing the number of Palestinians who were prompted hy an ailing economy in their

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Arafat confident self-rule DAMA SCUS (Agencies) — The third stage remains unU.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher presented Syrian The third stage remains undefined because Israel does not want to spell out the final line withdrawal, the radio said. The radio quoted Druze will be leaders as demanding that the villages not be separated as The Golan has a Druze population of about 15,000, in addition to about 14,000

TUNIS (Agencies) — Yasser Arafat says the signing in the coming week of an agreement between the Palestine Liberation Organisatioo (PLO) and Israel to implement Palestinian self-rule seems certain, a top PLO official reported Satur-

Samir Ghosheh, a member of the PLO's ruling Executive Committee, said Mr. Arafat told a leadership meeting he expected the agreement to be signed Wednesday as planned. In the same meeting Friday night, Mr. Arafat ordered his aides to pul preparations for launching a Palestinian admi-

nistration into high gear. "We are going to sign the agreement Wednesday and we should be fully prepared to move into Gaza and Jericho," Mr. Ghosbeh quoted the PLO

chairman as sayiog.

Mr Arafar told the meeting that the signing became a near certainty after he received assurances from U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher in a phone call Friday. That conversation followed Mr. Christopher's meetings with Israeli leaders earlier in

the day. Israeli negotiations are due in Cairo on Sunday as the two sides try 10 iron out remaining disagreements.

Even if the details are cleared up, Mr. Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin are 10 arrive in Cairo a day before the signing to negotiate two issues that it was agreed in advance to leave for

These are how much land the Israelis will give up around Jerieho - only a few square kilometres are in question and whether a Palestinian in uniform will help guard the King Hussein bridge crossing between Jordan and the West Bank near Jericho.

Sakhr Ahu Nizar, another PLO leader who attended the meeting, said Mr. Arafai ordered the preparation of a plan for the transfer of power, to be ready in time for his departure to Cairo on Tues-



of the two coffins of Sefet Sebanovic and Mehemed Hubijer at Sarajevo's Kosovo stadium. Selet was killed by a sniper in Dobrinja,

days after being evacuated by the U.N. out of Gorazde (see page 8) (AFP photo)

Gammoh: Paris economic deal doesn't clash with Jordan accord Others see it with fundamental shortcoming

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Minister of Finance Sami Gammoh on Saturday credited the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) with echancing the symbolism of Palestioian authority through the signing of the PLO-Israel economic agreement without negating the economic accord that the Palesti-nians signed with Jordan in

January.

Mr. Gammoh, in an interview with the Jordan Times, said the government's initial reading of the Paris agreement "shows that the PLO has gaioed more than aoticipated... it is a step forward and progress has been achieved." The documents, of which nly excerpts were made avail-

able to the press, is reportedly 15 pages long and deal with the different aspects of the Palestinian economy in detail. "There are new areas and

new grounds for Palestinian authority in the agreement," Mr. Gammoh said in reference to the accord, which was signed by Israeli Fioaoce Minister Avraham Shohat and PLO oegotiator Ahmad Qouries in a ceremony attended by French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe at his mioistry's headquarters io

Mr. Gammoh pointed espe-cially to the Palestinians gaining independent economic decisions over taxation, banks and currency, stamps and cus-

He said the economic pact does not negate an economic agreement betweeo Jordan and the PLO which was signed here in January. "The PLO-Israeli agreement is not in contradictioo with the Jordan-PLO agreement," he said.

He said Jordan views positively any improvement which promotes the independent ecocomic decisioo of the Palesti-

But the minister's positive reaction was not shared by economists and other officials who said that the agreement amounted to the PLO sanc-Palestinian economy "bostage to the Israeli economy.

The points which were positively received by Mr. Gammoh appeared to be the same as those that the critics picked up oo to indicate a new Palestiman tilt away from Jordan and

towards Israel. Critics of the agreement said its different articles were geared to the benefit of the Israeli economy creating an "economic integration between the Palestinian entity

and Israel" and treating Jordan like any other Arah country dealing with the new Palestinian entity.

Conceding that the agreement holds symbols of authority for the emerging Palestinian entity, the critics maintain that while the Israelis "are spend thrift with symbolism, they are stingy when it comes to the actual implementation."

There is oot a single positive element in this agreement," one economist contended.

The agreement, he argued has singled out the Israeli shekel as the legal tender in the areas under Palestinian authority and "has dumped the Jordanian dinar with other cur-

According to the agreement, peoding final arrangements, the Israeli shekel "will contione to constitute a legal means for payment in the autonomy's areas side by side with other currencies."

Banks which were initially expected to come under the authority of the Central Bank of Jordan "are oow going to be run by the Palestinian monetary aothority which is still under an Israeli authority," the ecocomist said.

Where Jordan hoped to have

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ANC predicts big victory as laborious vote count begins

JOHANNESBURG (Agencies) — The African National Congress (ANC) brimmed with confidence Saturday as election officials started counting millions of paper ballots. ANC Secretary General Cyril Ramaphosa forecast a 60 per cent landslide and urged supporters to show self-control in

their celebrating.

First returns told a different story. The bulk of those returns were from the Westero Cape region that inclodes Cape Town, where the National Party (NP) jumped 10 a lead among mixed-race voters who have embraced the candidacy of Presideot F.W. de Klerk.

The National Party had 14,436 votes to 4,696 for the ANC. However, the initial result was expected to be reversed as results from the rest of the country start to flow in. There were an estimated 22.7 million votes to be counted nationwide.

. The vote is expected to sweep ANC leader Nelson Mandela in as president of a new democratic South Africa. leading a five-year coalition government that would also include Mr. De Klerk.

Mr. Ramaphosa's prediction of a 60 per cent triumph for the ANC is based in part on the huge lurnout amoog hlack South Africans who jubilantly voted for the first time in the elections from Tuesday to Friday. A week ago, Mr. Mandela had spoken only of winning a

The key target for the ANC is 67 per cent. If they achieve that, the organisation that led the acti-apartheid struggle would have the two-thirds majority in parliament required to enact the country's

future permanenr constitution. Vote counting had been scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. Saturday, but many of the counting centres nationwide were just getting started at 6 p.m. Officials blamed slow delivery of sealed ballot boxes to the designated counting cen-

The Iodependent Electoral Commission, in charge of organising the impartial tally, said it would rather be slow.

"Our approach is: it's better to get it right than to hurry. said Pieter Cronje, IEC spokesman. The original estimate that counting might take 36 hours is ont the window; now the counting appeared more likely to last until Tuesday, he said.

Mr. Ramaphosa, at a news conference, called on South Africans to trust the commission and be patient while the returns came in.

He called the vote "very successful, an election that has started to hriog a new mood in South Africa ... bonding people together and healing wounds of the past."

The heads of the observer teams from the United Nations, the Commonwealth, the European Union and the Organisation of African Unity

held a joint news conference to give their stamp of approval to the voting.

"We are satisfied that the people of South Africa were able to participate freely io the voting," the group statement

What we have observed ... has been a great achievement for South Africa." The groups had some 2,500

electico observers between Despite reports of voting chaos and irregularities io

some areas, interoational monitors said the elections had been fair. "On the hasis of our

observations, the election has been held in a free and fair manner," Dutch politician Jan Nico Scholten of the European Parliamentarians for Southern Africa Group told a news conference. Polling began on Tuesday

and was to have ended oo Thursday, but voting problems forced an extension into Friday in six former hlack homelands. including the Zulu heartland of Kwazulu.

Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, who earlier opposed the poll and called for a sovereign Zuhu state in Kwazulu-Natal, urged Zulus and other South Africans on Saturday to shun

Kwazulu-Natal bas seen some of the bitterest fighting between supporters of the

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Jordan to send lone observer to Doha meeting

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan will continue to abstain from an active role in the Middle East peace process until rhe Kingdom's demand for an end to the ioterceptions of Aqaba-bound vessels is satisfactorily met. officials said Saturday.

They said that the Kingdom, in line with this decision, was sending a lone observer to this week's meeting io Doha, Qatar, of the multilateral working group on Middle East disarmament.

Jordan sent an observer to a meetiog early this mooth of the multilateral working group oo water in Muscat, Oman, and made sure that its complaints over the damaging Aqaba inspections were heard and registered before the final statement of the meeting was issued, The Jordanian observer abstaioed from taking any position on the final statement.

Officials said Saturday the government was waiting for moves on the ground in implementation of the U.S .accepted Jordanian proposal to replace the Red Sea inspections with an Aqaha-hased verification regime to monther. the international sanctions against Iraq before taking a decision on returning to full participation in the peace 32 talks, whether hilateral or multilateral.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, after a meeting with His Majesty King Husseio in Loodoo, announced Washington's under which Lloyds Register of Londoo will be in charge of the sanctions-verifications regime. The secretary of state added, however, that the issue needed

'fine tuning.' King Husseio was noncommittal when asked at a joint press conference with Mr. Christopher whether the American acceptance of the proposal meant that Jordan returning to the peace talks. "We'll do what we can," said the King, reaffirming Jordan's commitment to a negotiated

Information Minister Jawad Al Anani said last week that while Jordan welcomed the U.S. acceptance as removing "a major obstacle" io the peace process, the Lloyds Register arrangement was our complete and that Amman was awaiting final agreement and implementation before accepting to return to the peace

negotiations. In essence, senior officials explained Saturday, little is expected to change until Jordan is assured that its sovereignty and territorial integrity would not be brought into question in any proposed modality for the anctions-verifications regime.

They said Jordan had certain "reservations and firm posi-tions" in the modalities and mechanism of the proposed arrangement. "The Kiogdom will not

acceptiany modality which will infringe upon its sovereignty," said e:e official. "We've had enous, of problems and humiliations and we will also not allow anyone to cast a shadow r commitment to internal resolutions and decision That was a reference to what

many officials see American "distrust" of Jordan. "On the one hand they say that Jordan has notched an excellent recore of ahiding by the sanctions. On the other, they still do not trust us to do the joh ourselves," said the official. 'What is the compatibility between those two stands? According to an Associated

Press report, Jordan is expected to pay the cost for Llbyds Register presence Anaba estimated at between (Continued on page 10)

A southern military spokesman in Aden said elice northern Republicao Guards "resumed criminal actions against elements of the (southern) Third Armoured Brig.de," de-

and situation in Yemeni crisis ployed in the Amran region, 60 kilometres north of Sanaa.

The northern troops wanted 10 dislodge the brigade from positions it had occupied since terocious tank battles Wednesday and Thursday that left nearly 200 dead and dozens of others wounded, according to

journalists. The clashes were the heaviest since former North and South Yemen were unified in May 1990.

Officials in Sanza did not confirm the latest reports of fighting.

The southern spokesman said the northern forces were backed by tribesmen "hired by The Bakil tribe has tradi-

tionally supported the south. while the Hashed has backed the north. Both are well equipped and can together raise forces of about 100,000 men. The armies of north and

south, each totalling about 30,000, have never merged since unification. The southern troops were "still resisting the attacks," the southern spokesman said, and were backed by local people

and "patriotic tribesmen."

Civilians reported devastation in military camps where the northern and southern units fought pitched bailes, the hloodiest fighting in Yemen since the south's January 1986 civil war in which an estimated 10,000 people perished.

Southerners said the northem troops deployed in southern regions continued to spread out in an ohvious attempt to encircle Aden, the heavily armed stronghold of Vice President Ali Salem Al Beidh and his Yemen Socialist Party (YSP).

Mr. Beidh chaired an emergency session of his political bureau and issued a statement charging recent speeches of President Ali Abdullah Saleh were tantamount to "declarations of war," on Aden.

A group of independent parties in parliament issued a statement Saturday demanding formation of a national salvation government to pull the country back from the brink of

civil war. The group called for implementation of reforms contained in a reconciliation char-

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PLO sees statehood coming in small doses

By Dominic Evans

CAIRO — When Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat finally enters the Palestinian self-rule areas of Gaza and Jericho he will not do so as head of state. But in practice Israel has already ceded to his people many trap-

pings of embryonic statehood.
The Palestinians will have their own passports, postage stamps and a separate international telephone code. There will be a Palestinian police force, airline, radio and televi-

"It is a start, not a complete start, and it does not fulfil all our hopes, but it is a beginning in the right direction," PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath said

Statehood has been the aim of the Palestinian movement for decades, firstly in the whole of historic Palestine, then on any corner of "liberated land," then in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and now in the two self-rule areas.

The two areas may amount to a tiny fraction of Palestine before the creation of Israel but the Palestinian movement has come a long way since it de-clared, in 1988, a wholly bypothetical independent state alongside Israel.

It made the declaration in Algiers, a'most 3,000 kilometres from Jerusalem. Many states recognised it but Israel, the country that mattered most, turned a deaf ear.

Now, step by step over the years of negotiations since the Madrid conference in 1991, the Palestinians have chipped away at Israel's long resistance to the statehood concept.

"We are a people under occupation who are getting our independence in very small doses," Dr. Shaath said.

On Thursday Israel and the PLO agreed to set May 4 as a target date for signing a final agreement on the details of self-rule for Gaza and the West Bank region of Jericho.

Israeli troop withdrawals and deployment of Palestinian police should start within 24 hours of the signing.

Despite Israeli insistence

throughout the months of tough negotiations that autonomy does not mean sovereignty, Palestinians think the de-

tails lay the groundwork for a Palestinian state just around the corner.

Dr. Shaath said the autonomy plans for Gaza and Jericho would bear fruit im-mediately through visible signs that the Palestinians were in charge of their own affairs.

"People will start seeing Palestinian ports, airports, television stations, economic institutions. They will see a real opportunity to develop their own future," be said.

But, aware of the right-wing pressure on his Israeli negotiat-ing partners, he was careful not

to go too far.

We are not going to use the passport indirectly to claim that we have sovereignty and that we have a full independent state, because we don't." he

"It (the passport) will be clearly marked so as not to give the impression that it is the passport of a fully independent state because we are not yet," he added.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, also anxious to fend off the same right-wing criticisms, said of the concessions: "I admit that we were a little bit generous." "Why not? This still does

not constitute a decision either on a Palestinian state or on the rmanent arrangement," he told Israel army radio. Supporters of Mr. Arafat are

gambling that these signs of statehood will win over the Palestinian opposition, which argues that Gaza and Jericho is not enough. Dr. Shaath said he was en-

couraged by statements on Wednesday from the founder of the Muslim fundamentalist group Hamas, which is opposed to the antonomy

Sheikh Ahmad Yassin indicated his organisation was moving away from its hardline rejection of Israel and might stop its snicide bombings of

Israeli targets.
This would make coexistence with the PLO easier once Palestinians take control in Gaza and Jericho.

Dr. Shaath also said Israel had withdrawn a number of demands this week which the PLO had felt would have infringed on the scope of Palestinian jurisdiction in the two

Rejoicing over return of deportees to Gaza

Palestinians sing and dance during a rally for Palestinian deportees - mostly members of the Fatch movement — who returned to the occupied Gaza Strip on Friday. The men in karate uniforms are members of Hamas, taking part in a rare joint festivity with Fateh. As thoroughbred Arab horses pranced on the beach of this Mediterranean city, Fateh boy scouts marched with the Hamas team, who later put on a display of karate exercises, such as splitting bricks with their bare hands. The celebrations stressed the growing rapprochement between the two former rivals. More than 2,000 people watched the sbow (AFP



Experts say Gulf illness real but cannot be defined

WASHINGTON (AP) — A mysterious illness suffered by many U.S. soldiers of the 1992 Gulf war is real and serious, a panel of experts concluded Friday, but they said it is impossi-ble to define the disorder or pinpoint its cause.

The National Institutes of Health (NTH) committee said the group of disorders loosely referred to as the "Gulf war syndrome" involves a variety of symptoms that may have been caused by any or all of a combination of stress, chemical exposures or parasites.

There is no single disease or syndrome apparent, but rather multiple illnesses with overlapping symptoms and causes," said a committee report released at a news conference. The group called for "rigorous" medical research to define the illness and to establish a treatment plan.

"This is a very real condition," said Dr. Herbert H. Schaumburg, an Albert Einstein College of Medicine professor and a member of the committee. "These people are suffering. There has not been an adequate response to their

The NIH

charged with evaluating evidence of whether U.S. soldiers are suffering from a general disorder caused by their ser-vice in the Gulf war, of the characteristics of the condition

and what might have caused it. No clear answers were reached to any of these ques-tions, said Dr. Gareth Mr. Green, chairman of the committee and a professor at the Harvard School of Public

What did develop, he said, is "a feeling that there has been and continues to be suffering and a loss of quality of life by veterans of the Gulf war."

The panel said it is clear that at least 20,000 American troops, and maybe more, are suffering from some or all of these symptoms; Chronic fatigue, skin rashes, inability to concentrate, muscle and joint pain, loss of memory, short-ness of breath and headache.

Carol Stauffer came home from the war with some of the same symptoms reported by many other soldiers.

She had chronic fatigue, headaches and a general feeling of having a permanent case

Accord holds out promises of changes for Palestinians

By James Martone The Associated Press

CAIRO - A day after the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) autonomy accord is signed Wednesday. the Palestinians of the downtrodden Gaza Strip will be greeting sons and brothers freed from Israeli jails and seeing their own police patrolling the streets.

PLO chief negotiator Nabil Shaath described the scene Friday as he laid out details of how Palestinians' lives will change once self-rule take effect in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho under the accord.

Dr. Shaath described it as "a new dawning for our people." But he also was cautious as he talked to reporters Thursday and Friday, several times stressing that the Palestinians were not yet assured of getting their dream of an independent country.

"It's not the realisation of all hopes," he said. "But it is the beginning on the correct road."

In Israel, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres called the agreement "a courageous and correct and fair step" towards ending the decades-long conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

He said the agreement und not create a Palestinian state - which Israel opposes - but set aside three years for negotiating a solution to the conflict and the future of other areas of the West Bank not covered in the Gaza-Jericho accord.

Egyptian President Hosni Mnharak announced the Wednesday signing date after meetings Thursday among Mr. Peres, PLO chief Yasser Arafat and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher,

Mr. Mubarak said only a few details have yet to be worked out, and Dr. Shaath said the negoniators would use the time from Sunday through Tuesday to wrap up the final wording.

The signing will come almost eight months after the two sides reached an initial agreement calling for Israel to withdraw from Gaza and the West Bank to make way for limited Palestinian autonomy.

Dr. Shaath said the Gaza-Jericho accord will mean Palestinians can have their own airline and the right fo fish freely in the Mediterranean

Sea ot Gaza where Israel usec to block fishermen from

They will also have postage stamps, an area code separate from Israel and travel documents marked with the word "Passport." However, the documents also will say "laissez passer," a French term for travel papers for those without

Dr. Shaath said the most aoticeable change will be the departure of Israeli troops except in and around Jewish settlements — and their re-placement by 9,000 Palestinian police. Some 6,000 will arrive in the first two weeks.

An international force will arrive to oversee the handover of power from Israel to the Palestinians, Dr. Shaath said, Its numbers and exact role still werk being worked out.
But Dr. Shaath described

the major change as psychological when the people see a Palestinian authority is running their day-to-day lives. "People will start

Palestinian ports, airports, a television station, economic institutions, their own telephones," Dr. Shaath said.

He described it as the Palestinians having "a real opportunity to develop their future. We will have full power of legislation, basic laws, all regulation in every walk of

Still, for all his obvious enthusiasm, Dr. Shaath pointed out the agreement will not be "real" until it is actually signed.

Among details still to be negotiated is release of all the more than 8,000 Palestinians jailed by Israel. The agreement calls for freeing 5,000 within two weeks, and Dr. Shaath said an agreement of "general principle" covers most others.

As he explained it, this calls for detainees belonging to groups opposed to the peace talks to be freed if they sign a pledge supporting the PLO in its moves lowards peace.

This will include the radical Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas, which the PLO is working to bring into the peace process to avoid conflicts among Palestinians.

The release of other prisoners - ones whom Israel opposes freeing because they committed violent crimes - is still being negotiated, Dr. Shaath said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Arafat praises Clinton's peace efforts

TUNIS (AFP) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat on Friday praised U.S. President Bill Clinton's "positive and intense" efforts to bring about a Middle East peace settlement, a news report said. Mr. Arafat's comment came in a telephone conversation with Secretary of State Warren Christopher. The PLO leader and Mr. Christopher, who was speaking from Tel Aviv, discussed the latest moves to launch Palestinia 2 df-rule in line with the declaration of principles signed in September, the official Palestinian news agency WAFA reported. Mr. Arafat thanked Mr. Christopher for "U.S. Presider: Bill Clinton's positive and intense efforts... to hring aboutle inst and comprehensive peace" in the Middle East. Mr. Christopher, on a Middle East. tour, is due to attend the signing of the Israel-PLO accord to launch self-rule in Gaza and Jericho, i ir. Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin are to ign the long-delayed accord in Cairo next Wednesday. The "O leader returned to Tunis Friday from Cairo, where he sold talks with Mr. Christopher, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Somaliland must rejoin Somalia -- ex-president

ADDIS ABABA (AFP) — Separa is comalizate's former president called here Friday for the country to rejoin its southern neighbour Somalia, from which second unilaterally in May 1991. Abdul Rahman Ahmad Ji, the first head of state after secession, told journalists in the Ethiopian capital: "It is time our people understood clearly in at the international community does not intend to recognize Somaliland." He added that Somalis in the north and sex the "should six down together to sort out their problems." Mr. Amad Ali, who was injoined at a press conference by waric: General Mohammad Farah Aideed, heads the Somali National Movement (SNM). instrumental, in overthrowing Somal: President Mohammad Siad Barre in January 1991. Mr. Ahmad Ali and General Aideed are key players in ongoing effects to secure a stable political future for the factionally-riven Flort of Africa country following the withdrawal last month of the U.S. contingent and other Western troops from the United Nations peacekeeping force in Somalia. Mr. Ahmad Ali said the SNM. which is reportedly riven by internal strife, would an and a meeting of the control of the said and a meeting of the control of the said and a meeting of the control of the said and a meeting of t the main Somali factions scheduled for way 10 in Nairobi. The U.N.-brokered meeting has been called 10 j live the way for a national reconciliation conference.

Former Syrian diplomat to be tried

BERLIN (AFP) - The prosecutor's affect here formally charged Friday a former Syrian diplomat alle ing that he wasinvolved in a 1983 bomb attack on a French cultural centre in . what was then West Berlin, judicial officials said. Mohammad Nabil Chritah, who was posted in West Berlin as a diplomat at the time, allegedly provided the explosives for the attack whichkilled one person and injured 23 others on A.rg. 25, 1983. A. group led by the Venezuelan extremest Alice Ramirez Senchez, Alias Carlos, later claimed responsibility for the attack. Mr. Chritah, who turned himself in to authorities in January. and has been held since then without pail, has told authorities that he was asked to store the explosives by one of Carlos" German associates, Johannes Weinrich, but did not know at the time that they would be used in an attack. He toldf authorities that Weinrich recovered the explosives the day of the attack. Also involved in the incident was Heimet Voigt, a officer with the former East German secret police, the Sty who was convicted to four years in prison in April in the trial linking the former communist state with "internation terrorism". Sources seid an associate of Voigt was also go? to be charged in the case.

Ghall recommends observer for Libye-Ched border

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - Secretary General Bordros Ghali called Friday for the creation of a 14-mamber U.N. observer mission to supervise Libyan withdrawal from the. Aouzou Strip on the border with Chad. Libya, which has occupied the territory since 1972, was to begin with graval from the zone earlier this month in compliance with a ruing by the International Court of Justice. The proposed mission of six civilian and nine military personnel would cost \$400,000 and help ensure peace in the region and provide assistance to the 4.000 residents in the zone, Dr. Ghali-said. The with drawal isscheduled to be completed way 30/

Jericho awaits signs of change

By Nejla Sammakia Agence France Presse

JERICHO, Occupied West Bank — The residents of this calm oasis town realise they are about to enter history as the first Palestinians to experience self-rule in the occupied West Bank. But they are still confused about what it all

New road layouts and freshly built checkpoints are about the only evidence of the change to come when self-rule is launched after Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Liheration Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat sign the final agreement in Cairo next Wednesday.

"In September, everyone thought all would be ready in two days," said Adnan Ham-mad, a PLO official from Jericho, referring to the euphoria here after the Israeli-Palestinian peace accord was announced last September

Now there is disbelief, they don't think anything will

The people need concrete proof, not to think and analyse it all. They are just ready for new clean schools, roads, hospitals."

But the new authority does not even have snitable accommodation yet.

Jericho, a green valley nestling between sandy mountains, has a generous share of banana and orange orchards, palm groves and modest, neat homes with high walls. It has only one official building, along with a couple of cultural centres and a husy market place.

Soon after the autonomy deal is clinched, an initial 300-strong Palestinian police force is due to arrive here, and PLO officials are expected to fly in from their Tunis headquarters to take over temporarily until elections are held, maybe next

As autonomy gets underway Mr. Arafat is expected to appear on the scene, if only for a visit. Some say he will be put up in a rustic house on a slope overlooking a mosque and quaint cottages, belonging to a wealthy Jericho land-

It is still not known where the leadership, initially com-posed of 15 officials and hundreds of employees, will set up office. A few residents bere believe they may move into an old folks' home still under construction.

A plan to lease a hotel has fallen through.

"There was such a plan for a time," hotel manager Rajai Abdu said. "But we haven't been approached about it. I don't think anyone knows where they will be located." Apart from the problem of

accommodation, Jericho residents are not sure what the deal will entail "I don't know what to say. It's all very confusing, vague," said sbopkeeper Mussa Al Helou.

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jneh was more upbeat. "I hope if there is peace it will become easier to get permits, to move around. "We've been waiting. First

we're told the police will move in the next day, then we're told they won't. We've been treated like yoyos."
PLO official Hammad

agreed the past months had been full of disappointments. But he was not sure the future would bring better days. "We look to the future

power as people who have less experience with authority," he said.
"They will come from their homes and offices in wealthy Arab states, all clean and orderly, it will be very difficult, but the Jericho experi-

ment is part of the struggle. we must go on." At a checkpoint leading to the hridge across the Jordan River, an Israeli soldier said, Maybe these are our last days here. We don't know

"We want peace. I don't want this uniform anymore.

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Leaders, citizens continue to offer sympathy to Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordations continued to arrive at Raghadan Palace Satutday to offer condolences to His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Her Royal Highness Princess Basma and the Royal Family over the passing of Queen Zein Al Sharaf, the Queen Mother who

died Tuesday at the age of 78 The visitors, who signed their names in the official condolences register, represented popular and professional organisations, agricultural, commercial and industrial sectors, the media, cultural associations, heads of tribes, notables representing various tefugee camps and private citizens.

Representatives of women's unions in Jordan paid condolence calls at Barman Palace.

The Kingdom's embassies abroad were visited by Juidanian expatriates offering condolences. Also calling on the embassies were heads of diplomatic missions and notables in Bahrain, the United

Arab Emirates, Lebanon and

Also Saturday, Prince Salman Ben Abdul Aziz Al Saoud, governor of the Riyadh region in Saudi Arabia, visited the Jordanian embassy in Riyadh and offered condolences in the name of King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz on the death of

His Majesty King Hussein continued to receive cables of condolences from heads of foreign countries and international organisations.

Family appeals for release of Jordanian jailed in Syria

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The family of Dati Al Jamaani, a Jordanian languishing in a Syrian jail since 1971, is appealing to international organisations, world governments and human rights bodies to seek his free-

Mr. Jamaani, 65, is the last of five Jordanians who were imprisoned in Syria since the early 70s over differences with the government of President Hafez Al Assad. The other four - Hakam Fayez, Yousef Bourn, Hassan Al Khatib and Mjalli Nasraween - were released separately in the last 18 months.

All of them were members of the Arah leadership of the Baathist Party, who publicly voiced their opposition to some of the policies of President Assad after he took power in a bloodless coup in 1970. "We don't know why he

(Amani) is still in detention while all others detained with him have been released," said Fatima, silter of the prisoner and wife of Mr. Fayez. He is suffering severe health ailments and needs

medical treatment," she told the Jordan Times, adding that family members were allowed to visit the prisoner once a

"We call upon the United Nations, all international hnman rights organisations and ence in Syria to secure his release," she said.

According to the sister. His Majesty King Hussein and Jordanian officials appealed to the Synan leader for the release of the detainees, but "no-

thing changed." In a message sent to U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali the family said: This prisoner has been suffering for 24 years in prison, and we are suffering with him by being

pinent and still waiting."
"It is in your hand, Sir, to say your word about this separation between the father and his children and grandchilsaid the appeal. "A complete generation is growing up bearing about freedom, humanity and justice, but we see nothing of it except some bright words said every now and then while their hope is still suffering in Syria."

"Return the smiles to the faces of our children," it implored. "Return hope to hearts of our mothers, give us back

According to Mrs. Fayez, no Arab government - "not even Saudi Arabia" - is influential enough to get her brother released. "The people who can do something are the U.S. and European governments and perhaps the United Nations,"

Mr. Fayez, who was released in January 1993, shared a cell with Mr. Jamaani in the Al Mazza prison outside Damascus - known as the "Bastille of the Middle East" since it holds mostly long-term politieal prisoners — for more than he himself was released on Jan.

"There seems to be a deliberate pattern," said the white-haired Favez referring to his release and that of the three other Jordanians. "The release came in intervals of five to six months for all of us. Obviously they did not want to release us

all in one group, Mr. Fayez was arrested on June 26, 1971, two weeks befure Mr. Jamaani, a native of Madaba and a former captain in the Jordanian Army, was detained.

'There was no trial, no questions, nothing," he said. 'We were just locked up and we saw no Syrian officials during the entire period of deten-

"I was told 15 minutes before my actual release that I was going to be freed," he

According to Mrs. Fayez, Mr.Jamaani and Mamdoub Maaytah, now a member of the Baathist leadership in Syria, were received by President Assad two days before Mr. Jamaani was detained.

"Dafi told me that be entered that meeting laughing and when President Assad asked him why he was laughing he replied that many others were being detained, including (former President Noureddin Atrasi), and it was only a matter of time before the turn of Dafi and Maaytah," she

"To that, President Assad replied: 'I'll break the arms of those who harm you Dafi," as saying. "Two days later Dafi was detained and, as a journalist wrote, they locked the door and threw away the key.'

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Thai princess visits NHF

AMMAN — Her Royal Highness Princeses Galyani Vadhana of Thailand visited Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) recently where she was briefed by senior NHF officials on the foundations development projects. The Thai princess also toured NHF's Jordan Design and Trade Center which includes special selections of woolen rugs, embroidered home furnishings, ceramics, glassware, basketry, fashionable clothing, wrought iroo turniture, personal accessories and Islamic calligraphy items — all designed and produced by more than 3,000 Jordanian crafts men and women. Princess Galyani expressed ber admiration of NHF's development endeavours and the high level of craftsmanship exhibited by the Jordan Design and Trade Center. The Princess presented NHF with cash donations from herself and on behalf of the group of Thai visitors accompanying her.

Cabinet reviews recent events

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali Saturday briefed the Cahinet on the visit to Jordan Thursday by Syrian President Hafez Al Assad who arrived to offer condolences to His Majesty King Hussein on the passing of Queen Zein Al Sharaf, the Oueen Mother.

Dr. Maiali also briefed the Cabinet on the outcome of a meeting between King Hussein and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher in London last week, which resulted in the United States accepting a Jordanian proposal on a new land-based system for verifying compliance with the international sanctions against Iraq.

The acceptance came after months of deliberations which prompted King Hussein to link the Kingdom's return to the Washington-backed peace talks with Israel to an end to the sea-based inspections of all Jordan-bound vessels.

The prime minister also talked about the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) agreement signed in Paris Friday.

The accord links relations between Israel and the future autonomous areas on customs tariffs, monetary policy, labour, taxation, agriculture, fuel prices, manufacturing, insurance and tourism.

A statement that followed the Cabinet's regular session said that the ministers bad a first reading of the Israel-PLO accord, which, it said, would be discussed fully by the joint Jordanian-Palestinian Higher Committee.

According to the statement, the Minister of Transport Adih Halaseb submitted a report on the ontcome of the Syrian-Jordanian land transport and maritime transport companies' meetings in Damascus and his talks with Syrian government officials.

Minister of St Affairs Talal Al Hassan presented a report on his talks with the president of Mali last week, covering various scopes of bilateral relations.

Minister of Communications and Postal Affairs Tareq Suheimat presented a report on his visit to Egypt where he led Jordan's delegation to the Afro-Arab meeting on communications.

According to the statement the Cabinet also listened to a report by Justice Minister Taher Hikmat on the ontcome of the Arab justice ministers

Experts need to work more effectively to improve region's agriculture — seminar

By Ian Atalla Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Middle and Near East region as a whole faces argent problems stemming from poor management of water resources for crop irrigation and improper use of agricultural chemicals such as pesticides and fertilisers, concluded experts at an international workshop held in Amman last week by the Regional Centre on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development for the Near East

(CARDNE). The burden, they felt, was on the governments and experts of the region's nations to find more appropriate ways of dealing with farmers and effectively educating them on the proper usage of water and chemicals for agriculture.

At present, in the Middle East, "an average of 20 per cent of all pesticides used goes to the crops themselves and 80 per cent seeps through the ground soil to cause environmental damage, Dr. Ibrahim Al Natbir of the University of Jordan.

The farmers, he said, "do not know how to spray the proper dosage on their plants without causing pollution."

He explained that many times a crop might be barvested after overspraying of the pesticide or its use too

close to harvest time, "which means that the crop is harvested with a heavy residue of the pesticide still on it." Moreover, he added, many farmers do not know how to

safely store, clean and dispose of pesticide containers and tools, and are not familiar with protective clothing for spraying pesticides.

This, he said, can lead to poisoning of the farmer and

his family as well as additional environmental damage. that Near East governments need to develop tighter poli-

The panel members agreed cies on the testing of newly imported pesticides to insure that they do not pose an and on licensing pesticide dealers, "because, as with medical pharmacists, they are dealing with compounds which can sause much harm if improperly used," said Dr. Abdul Latif Kichli of the Agricultural Research Institute of Lebanon.

In Lebanoo, he said, there are currently few to no reg-ulations governing the im-porting and selling of pesti-

Another expert added that in Jordan, there are strict controls on licensing pesticide dealers, but no regulations which prescribe testing of newly imported pesticide compounds for safety.

WHAT'S GOING ON

- Film in Spanish entitled "Como Ser Mujer Y No Morir En El Intento" at the Spanish Cultural Centre on Monday at 6:30 (Tel 613077).
- ☆ Film entitled "Le Faussaire" at the French Cultural Centre on Monday at 8:00 p.m.

ARAB POETS GATHERING

EXHIBITIONS

- & Opening of an art exhibition by five Rgyptian artists at Operated of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation
- in Jabal Luweibdeh on Monday at 6:00 p.m. Also showing "permanent" exhibition of 56 Arab contemporary artists (Tel. 643251/2).
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- * Opening of an exhibition by artist Helmi El-Touni at
- Baladua Art Gallery on Monday at 6:00 p.m. (Tel. 687598). ⇒ Photo exhibition entitled "Faces of Jordan" at the Amer-
- Al Sharif, Abdul Hussein Tawaij, Salman Abbas, and Hafez Al Droubi at Orfali Art Gallery (Tel. 826932).
- at Ain Art Gallery in Wadi Saqra (9:30 n.m-8:00 p.m.) (Tel.

Council appeals to Arab leader to avert civil war in Yemen

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Council of Islamic Organisations (CIO) and Societies in Jordan Saturday cailed on Arab leaders to intervene urgently in Yemen to avert all out civil war in that country.

in an appeal addressed to Arah kings and heads of states, the council said it was an Islamie duty to intervene in Yemen and reconcile the feuding northerners and southerners in the country "who are unnihilating each other.

In the first such appeal by a Jordanian organisation on the crisis in Yemen, where reports said hundreds were killed or wounded in three days of clashes, the council warned that "a catastrophe was looming in the skies of Yemen that could possibly lead to a dreadful war."

Jordan tried to mediate the Yemeni crisis, which is rooted in political differences

between the leaders of the former North and South Yemen which merged in May 1990, and hosted the signing of a reconciliation and reform agreement between them. But the accord failed to end

Subsequently Jordan said it was withdrawing from a military commission entrusted with separating the soutbern and porthern armies which remain separate entities despite the merger.

the crisis.

Egypt and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are trying to end the crisis, but a precondition for the success of the effort is a guarantee that the Yemeni leaders would abide by the agreement signed in Amman.

The one-page statement issued by the Jordanian council said: "the tribal and community leaders... and parties are on armed alert for a war which will have no mercy for

anyone, big or small." Arab inaction, the statement said, will prove to the

world that the Arabs have failed to fight "the occupier (Israel) and liberate their land, the Arabs have decided

to fight among themselves. "The situation (in Yemen) is very grave and we warn of an impending disaster of an unprecedented level," said the council, an umbrella body for all Islamic institutions and societies in Jordan.

"We wish, demand and request that the Arab kings and heads of state visit Yemen and talk with the political, military and tribal leaders and other influential people there to put an end to the revolt and fire there," it added.

problems, conflicts, bloody events and unrest in the Arab countries is the absence of justice and disobedience of God's teachings," the statement said.

"The root cause of all

It told the Arab leaders: 'You are responsible in front of God and the people to save the people... and we beseech God to save the people and make you glorious in

The statement was signed by the council's secretarygeneral, Abdul Latif Sbeihi. and copies were sent to all Arah countries, including

It was the second time in one month that the council issued appeals for end to conflicts in Muslim countries.

In a statement issued early this month, the council outlined a proposal to end the bloodshed in Afghanistan under the auspices of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC). That proposal called for an OIC committee. to work in coordination with representatives of all Afghan factions towards ending the power struggle there through elections in 10 months time. It also urged the oil-rich Gulf states to extend financial support to ensure the success of

the proposal. It was not immediately known how the Afghan factions responded to the prop-

U.N. committee arrives to investigate Israeli practices in occupied lands

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A three-member United Nations special committee investigating Israeli practices affecting the buman rights of the Palestinians and other Arabs in the occupied Arab lands is due to start its mission and contacts with Jordanian officials and Palesti-

nian citizens Sunday. The committee, which arrived here Saturday as part of its annual field mission to the Middle East region, will stay in the Kingdom until May 5 to conduct its work in full before continuing to Asia, according to the United Nations office in

Amman. A statement said that the committee members will review the latest developments related

to human rights in the occupied territories and will bear testimonies of persons with first-band knowledge of the situation there.

The committee will be particularly interested in the evolution of the situation since the signing of the declaration of principles in September 1993. according to the statement.

The committee members who

ley Kalpage (Sri Lanka), as chairman, Ibra Deguene Ka (Senegal) and Abdul Majid Mohammad (Malaysia), representatives of their countries to

the United Nations. Besides receiving written material in the course of investigation, the committee intends to interview persons from the West Bank at the King Hussein

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Eyes on Damascus

be self-rule agreement between Israel and the 'alestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in airo next week, focus is rapidly shifting to **mascus, where U.S. Secretary of State Warn Christopher arrived yesterday, probably arrying an Israeli "global" peace plan which vould entertain a phased Israeli withdrawal om the Golan Heights in return for a gradual primalisation of bilateral relations between the wo countries.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin set the ome for the new round of peace effort on the Syrian track by telling his people last week that is government would be willing to dismantle eraeli settlements on the Golan Heights and Her meaningful territorial concessions to vamascus in return for real peace. The Israeli Mer, coupled with the standing proposal to aploy U.S. troops on the demarcation lines stween Syria and Israel, could give the reewed effort for peace a meaningful boost, thich should be welcomed by all parties.

It is not easy to tell what the results of Mr. "hristopher's visit to Damascus will be until lae Syrian government has an adequate opporunity to examine the old-new Israeli ideas. ast probably. Syrian President Hafez Al assad would not want to take any Israeli bait as and would try to strengthen his negotiating sition as much as possible. Syria has always illed for a crystal-clear commitment from srael to withdraw completely from the occuied Syrian territory and to dismantle all graeli settlements based on the full implementation of U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

What would be worth watching is how Damascus will attempt to blend in policy terms its long-standing pledge to seek a comprehenlive peace in the area with handling new lements in the Israeli offer.

There is a meeting of the minds on this score etween Amman and Damascus and this has and Jordan to slow down the pace of its peace alks with Israel until there is marked progress va all tracks of the negotiations. Should Mr. Thristopher's trip to Damascus prove successial, there can be no doubt that Jordan's track would, in due course, see a revival, especially now that the Agaba blockade is on the way to effective resolution.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

LL INDICATIONS are that the Middle East peace process gathering pace, and the flurry of diplomatic activity in the mion stands out as a witness to that, said Al Ra'l Arabic daily turday. In light of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's cent statements concerning peace with Syria and the coming of the region by the U.S. Secretary of State Warren nristopher, one can only expect from the Arab countries wolved in the peace process to double their efforts to ordinate their stands and take a united position with regard the various issues related to the negotiations with Israel, all the daily. The Arab states are called on to be vigilant and ware of Israel's manoeuvres at this juncture because the raelis are known to be seeking separate deals with different ab parties, warned the daily. It said that Israeli leaders not be taken for granted and Israel has never backed its words with deeds. The paper said the Jewish state was never mmitted to the requirements of a permanent peace and international legitimacy. The sudden agreements between the fulestinians and the Israelis in Paris and Cairo and Mr. abin's declared intention to direct Israel's attention towards neace with Syria should be enough signs for the Arabs that the sraelis continue to seek separate treaties, concluded the daily.

DUSTOUR daily praised the Interior Ministry for adopting w measures designed to facilitate travel procedures across e Jordan River bridges. The new measures constitute yet nother facet of the Jordanian strategy intended to ensure the pening of the spirit of unity within the Jordanian-estinian family and to enhance the steadiastness of the tinian people in the face of Israel's arbitrary rule, said the ...v. By implementing the directives of His Majesty King issein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the histry has reaffirmed the need for keeping the bridges open rider to maintain strong ties between the people on the two s of the river, said Al Dustour. Indeed, the facilities ared by Jordan to the residents of the occupied Arab itories embody the Kingdom's keenness on supporting the utinians and beloing them to achieve their aspirations. Sunday's Economic Pulse

Arab economic boycott of Israel

The beginning

PALESTINIAN INFORMAL boycott to Jewish economic activities started at the grass root level as early as 1936, when Palestinians realised that the Jewish Agency was busy building industries to create jobs for Jewish emmigrants in its bid for massing Jews from all over the world to establish a Zionist state in Palestine, which was under British mandate.

However, the Arab economic boycott to Israel was formally adopted by the Arab League in May 1951, when a main Arab boycott bead-office was established in Damascus. Each individual Arab country was required to establish its own boycott branch office. The Arab states offices were attached to the ministry of economy, or the ministry of finance, or the ministry of defence as the case may be in each country. Coordination and main decisions to enter firms into the blacklist or remove them were the responsibility of the main office in Damascus and an annual meeting was held there for

The boycott was open-ended. No time limit was set.

Methods and objectives

Arab economic boycott of Israel started with the establishment of the Jewish state in 1948. The boycott was not imposed on economic considerations, or as a measure of trade protection from Israeli competition. It was imposed for political purposes, namely to punish Israel for occupying Arab land, and to weaken the Israeli economy, which supports the

military might of the Israeli armed forces The Arab boycott of Israel can be divided into two categories: negative boycott which means blocking any exchange of goods and services between the Arabs and Israel; and positive boycott which means inducing third parties to

refrain from investing in Israel or financing its economy. The purpose of negative, sometimes called primary boycott, is to deprive the Israeli economy from benefitting from the opportunity which the vast Arab markets can provide if they were open to Israel. The purpose of positive, also called secondary boycott, is to deprive the Israeli economy from foreign investments, which could help to strengthen Israel and enable it to sustain its occupation of Arab land, or undertake

further expansionary adventures at the expense of Arab lands. The primary boycott of Israel was partially broken in two major instances: One is the Israeli access to the markets of the West Bank and Gaza Strip since 1967, and another when Egypt normalised its political and economic relations with Israel following the Camp David accords. Aside from those two incidents, it is believed that Israel was able to send small amounts of its products to the Arab markets through third countries after falsely labeling the products as "made in Cyprus" or made in Greece. Some Israeli sources claim that \$500 million worth of Israeli products found their way to Arab markets, including Israeli inputs in West Bank products allowed to reach the Arab markets.

The Unified law of boycott

The Arab League Council in its 22nd session adopted a unified text of law of boycott of Israel, which was consequently adopted in each Arab country, consisting of 12 articles as

BOSTON — The first great Nazi crime in World War II

was the terror bombing of Rotterdam on May 14, 1940.

The Luftwaffe destroyed the city centre and killed 900

people. The world, shocked,

called it the Rape of Rotter-

The Serbian assault on

Gorazde is a crime of similar

character. Over the last three

weeks bundreds of Serbian

mortars and heavy guns and

60 tanks fired at point-blank

range into that small Bosnian

city. More than 700 people

In 1940 the anti-Hitler

forces did not yet have the

means to stop the Nazis. In

1994 there is no such excuse.

NATO has overwhelming

military power in Europe. It

has not been used to stop the

Serbian aggression because

NATO governments were in-

different to the slaughter,

blind to its consequences or

incompetent in the use of

Comparison of today's Ser-

bian leaders with the Nazis

always brings the objection

that the Serbs are not a

menace on the same scale.

True, even the Greater Ser-

bia they want would not be

anything like the threat that

Nazi Germany was. But in

other respects the analogy is

President Slobodan

Milosevic of Serbia and the

Bosnian Serbian leaders,

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All persons and legal bodies are hereby forbidden from

Radovan Karadzic and

General Ratko Mladic, are

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They have no compunction

of slaughtering the civilians

of Gorazde because those

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bels, the inventor of the Big

Lie, has covered up killing

with lies as brazen as those

uttered almost daily by the Serbian leaders. When

NATO aircraft carried out

pinprick raids two weeks ago

on Serbian forces shelling

Gorazde, a spokesman for

Mr. Karadzic said that "no

shelling of Gorazde had taken place." Mr. Karadzic

said that Gorazde was a

mostly Serbian city; its pre-

war population was in fact 70

Mr. Karadzic said: "The

Serbian side nnilaterally

proclaims peace in Gorazde.

With this, the Gorazde crisis

comes to an end." As he

spoke, the Serbian forces in-

tensified their shelling. Even

the Russians gave up on Ser-

bian leaders as irredeemable

One of the most disgrace

ful aspects of the world's

response to Serbian aggres-

sion has been the gullible

performance of the top United Nations official on the

scene, Yasashi Akashi.

Again and again he has fallen

for transparent Serbian lies.

On April 17, after meeting

per cent Muslim.

No one since Josef Goeb-

gion: Muslims.

making contracts, either directly on through intermediaries. with legal bodies or persons who reside in Israel or carry Israeb nationality or act on its behalf or work for its interest wherever they reside if the subject of the contract is commercial transactions or financial operations or any other dealing of any nature. All national and foreign companies and firms having interest or branches or general agents in Israel are to be considered persons and legal bodies that cannot be dealt with as indicated by the council of ministers or the authority designated by the council of ministers, in accordance with recommendations of the annual liaison officers conference.

Goods, commodities and products of all kinds and categories, together with all financial instruments and any other Israeli movable property, are not allowed to enter or be exchanged in the country. All goods and products made in Israel or baving Israeli inputs, irrespective of their ratio, will be treated as Israeli mouth or modules whether they could be treated as Israeli goods or products, whether they came directly from Israel or through any indirect way.

Goods and products reexported from Israel, or made

ontside Israel for exportation on its behalf, or on behalf of any person or legal body mentioned in Article 1, are to be treated just like Israeli products.

In situations specified by the competent authorities, the importer must furnish a ertificate of origin, showing the following information:

a) The country of origin (which should not be Israel).
b) That no Israeli inputs what so ever are included in the composition of the product, irrespective of ratio.

All concerned authorities should take the necessary measures to prevent materials specified by the liaison officers from being exported to foreign countries if it was proved that those countries reexport such material to Israel.

Articles 2, 3 and 4 are applicable to commodities that may

enter free zones or be exported from those free zones. The same applies to all commodities that may be brought to the country or may cross its territories which are destined for Israel, or to any person or organisation residing in Israel, but without prejudice with any international agreement that the country may be party to.

It is forbidden to display goods or commodities referred to in Article 2, or sell, or buy or own such goods. Barter or donation is to be treated like sale or purchase.

Those who violate articles 1, 2, or 3 are to be punished by imprisonment with hard work for a period not less than three years. Simultaneously with imprisonment, the violaters may be also fined by up to £5,000. If the crime was committed by a legal body, the sentence should be applied to the natural person(s) who committed the violations related to the legal

In all cases, the subject products are to be confiscated, together with the transportation means used to commit the violation, if the owners were aware of the violation.

Punishment mentioned in Article 7, except for confiscation. will be pardoned for one or more of the offenders, if he or they informed the government of the crime they are party to. provided the information led to the discovery of the crime they were about to participate in.

A summary of the verdict condemning violations of this law should be displayed, at the expense of the convicted persons. in large letters at the door of his business, including factories and stores, for a period of three months.

Removing the above summary or hiding it in any way is punishable by imprisonment or a fine not exceeding £20 or by one of these two punishments.

A reward of 20 per cent of the value of goods subject to verdict against crimes specified in this law should be paid as incentive to any person who gave the information leading the discovery of the violation, whether he is a government employee or otherwise. The reward may be higher if local laws specify higher rewards. If the credit goes to more than one person, the reward will be divided among them in proportion to their efforts.

Article 11:

Employees charged with the responsibility of enforcing this law are authorised to present evidence of crimes committed in violation of its provisions.

All laws and regulations that contradict this law are bereby declared null and void.

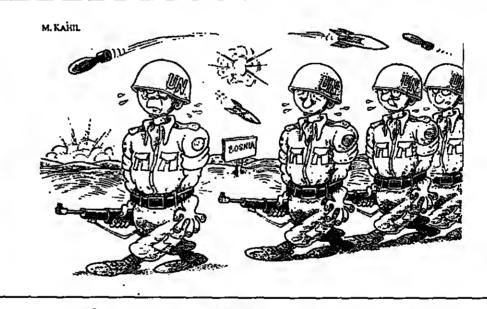
The above is unofficial translation.

Present status of boycott

Officially, there is nothing new about the Arab boycott of Israel until this moment. No decision bave been made yet. However, the atmosphere is different. After the Gulf War, Kuwait started to think of the unthinkable. It unofficially started to ignore the secondary boycott. After starting the peace negotiations, America started to put pressure on the Arab countries, such as Jordan and the Gulf states, to lift the boycott as a confidence building measure, but so far nothing in return is being offered.

The annual meeting of Arab boycott liaison officers in Damascus late in 1993 was called off and postponed indefinitely. Observes thought that the cancellation of the meeting happened under American diplomatic pressure and that no further meetings will take place.

Economists believe that the removal of the secondary boycott of Israel is very important to the Israeli economy in that it will increase foreign investments in Israel. Professor Stanley Fischer, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) believes that the secondary boycott has deprived Israel of more the \$2 billion a year of potential foreign investments.



A genocidal aggression, and no Churchill in sight

with Mr. Karadzic, Mr. Akashi said: "Dr. Karadzic and I have agreed a ceasefire in and around Gorazde should become effective immediately. We agreed that forces should be withdrawn from the front lines as far as possible as soon as possible." The Serbian assault, of course, continued.

This past weekend, when Serbian forces at first failed to meet the terms of the NATO ultimatum to stop shelling Gorazde, Mr. Akashi again blocked NATO commanders' plans for immediate bombing. Once again he relied on false Serbian promises of early compliance.

When President Bill Clinton finally decided to do something about Gorazde, be proposed that the ultimatum be enforced by NATO air strikes without seeking U.N. approval. But that part of his plan was blocked by other NATO governments. What Serbian forces have

done at Gorazde - the shelling of an essentially undefended city, the deliberate targeting of hospitals and refugee centres — is a straight-forward war crime. But does the West really care? Is it serious about stopping the crime? That remains nncer-

If we in the West are serious, one thing we should do is speed up preparations for minals. General Mladic, his principal officers, Mr. Karadzic and Mr. Milosevic should all be put on notice that their actions at Gorazde are prima facie evidence of crimes. In addition, their assets overseas should be seized. Mr. Milosevic is not ex7211 2.1

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empt because be is in Belgrade. The guns and tanks at Gorazde were not made by the Bosnian Serbs. They come from the Yngoslav National Army. Similarly, Serbia should not be exempt from the NATO ultimatum. Sources of supply for the aggressors should be prime targets for air strikes. Surely by now the West

should be able to see the danger of letting genocidal aggression in Europe go unchecked. Or is our view distorted by the fact that the victims are Muslims?

. In his last book, due out soon, Richard Nixon said the civilised world would not have permitted the Bosnian horror to go on so long if the victims bad been "predominantly Christian or Jewish."

Gorazde, after all the other cruelty, makes it certain that the Serbian nation will bear the stigma of the demagogues who led the aggression, as Germany was marked by the Nazis. But there are no Churchillian heroes in the West: only weaklings who resisted too little, too late.

The New York Times.

Peace the surprise winner in S. Africa's elections

By David Tucker

JOHANNESBURG - Despite bombings blamed on die-hard whites, South Africa's historic election week has been surprisingly peace-

In a country where 15,000 people bave died in political unrest in the four years it has taken to dismantle apartheid, the election week death toll up to Friday was just 34.

People expected the worst, but it failed to materialise," said Vanessa Barolsky, a researcher with Peace Action, an independent violence monitoring group.

Peace monitors and police in the killing fields of Kwazulu-Natai, where more than 2,000 people died in political violence last year, described the all-race elections as a victory for peace. "Before the election things

had built op to such a peak. We expected intimidation and violence to be at a high level ... But things have calmed down a great deal," said captain Kim Van Niekerk of the Natal security

"It's been unbelievable... It sets the ground-work for a very healthy working relationship for all South Africans," said Anne McKey, spokeswoman for the regional peace committee.

The week began badly, with a car bomb killing nine people on Sunday in central Johannesburg, South Africa's commercial capital. Worse was to come.

The election bombing campaign, blamed on whites opposed to black majority rule, killed 10 people at a taxi rank in the Johannesburg suburb of Germiston on Monday. A bomb thrown into a Pretoria restaurant later in the day, killed two more people. A car bomb at South Africa's biggest airport, Jan Smuts outside Johannesburg. wounded 16 people, includ-

day, second day of polling in the elections. The police response was swift. They detained 34 suspects and seized arms caches. Nelson Mandela, whose

ing foreigners, on Wednes-

African National Congress (ANC) is expected to win the elections, praised the whiteled police on Friday for their quick response. "The ease with which the police have made a breakthrough... I think already we have defused the situation," he said.

Polling continued for an extra day on Friday in six former homelands where millions were unable to vote, mainly because of bureaucratic bungling.

The death toll, which in-

Natal, was substantially lower than the average weekly toil during the run-up to the elections when dozens were dying every day.
"It doesn't mean it is the

end of conflict but it is an important step in establishing long-term peace," said Ms. Barolsky.

"People finally had the Opportunity to express themselves through some means other than violence. It shows that South Africans want democracy," she said., Political analyst Bill Sass

said he believed the major factor in curbing the violence had been the participation in the elections of the Zuludominated Inkatha Freedom Party and the right-wing white Freedom Front. "This meant that neither the rightwing nor Zulu extremists could mobilise to oppose the elections. What's left is the

maniac fringe," he said.

Most of the 15,000 victims of violence in four years since reformist white President F. W. de Klerk unbanned opposition groups and began dismantling apartheid have been blacks killed in clashes between Inkatha supporters and those of the ANC.

Mr. Sass said the new national unity government would need to move quickly to meet the demands of conservative whites and those of Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and Inkatha over the status of the Zulu monarchy.

"Extremist support is already withering on the vine but the government will need to carry on negodations with conservative parties and offer a few concessions here and there," he said.

Mr. Sass said the small turnout at neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement

(AWB) rallies and the arrests of the 34 rightwingers was proof the right-wing supportbase was crumbling.
"The police were helped in

the arrests of the bombers by people within the right wing. They (radicals) beve been marginalised. Hearts and minds have turned against them.' Political scientist Willem

Kleynhans, well-known for his apocalyptic vision of the new South Africa, said it was a miracle that there had been so little violence during the elections, which he described as a fiasco and a farce.

Mr. Kleynhans predicted more violence around the comer.

"When Mandela takes over and is unable to deliver on his election promises we will see trouble. His chickens will come home to roost," he said. "I pray God to save the new South Africa."

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to have subsided as a political

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Mr. Clinton lifted the econo-

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U.S. companies are competing for contracts to rebuild woefully inadequate highways and other infrastructure, which Vietnam is set to upgrade, and for work in the offshore oil and gas industry.

By John Rogers

Reuter

HANOI - It's taken 19 years,

but the former Vietnam war

enemies are on talking terms

and doing business, with for-

Since President Bill Clinton

lifted a 30-year economic

embargo against Hanoi on

Feb. 3, the United States is

now more in evidence in

Communist-ruled Vietnam

than at any time since the end

of the war on April 30, 1975.

mal relations in sight.

Relations between Hangi and Washington are on the

Officials involved in negotiations on establishing liaison offices in the two capitals say there are a few outstanding issues on the scope and function of these embassies-inwaiting but no major obstacles. "It could happen in two

months," an official in Hanoi said. "It's just two early to Both governments would like to see the offices, plans for which were announced by Mr.

Clinton in February, open

weeks, or it could happen in six

sooner rather than later, the official added. "We haven't reached all the an American official in Washington said, declining to

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since the end of the v. c. In the late it report, the U.S. State Department of a Victnam "continued to violate human rights in 1905, severely limiting freedom: if speech, press, assembly and assemtion and not toler ling dissent. Vivinam contented the U.S.

verdiet as "not objective." Foreign diplomats expect disputes on the issue, similar to those the United States has with China, to surface in-creasingly after full ties are established and Vietnam seeks most law ared nation trading privileges.

But human rights questions are not expected to prevent the two jovernments from establisting relations,

Many neutral observers in Fillnor believe the atomettum to a normalisation in so strong tast, barring lutches, Hamo and Washington will have exchanged ambassadors by the 20th anniversary of the end of

the way this time next year. On April 30, 1975, Communist tanks smashed through the gates of the old south Vietnam presidential palace in Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh city, and the Saigon regime surrendered.

U.S. forces that had belstered the losing side had withdrawn from Vietnam and the rest of Indochina under the Paris peace accords in 1973,

By Barry Schweid The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Clinton's new tough line on Bosina saggesta that 15 months of caution may be givine way to a new confi-dence alread, as the NATO allies with some reluctance, sten out.

List vent, the president was in a different by. He scattled to provide weapons to the Muslim-led governmem and have NATO bomb some Serbian artiflery sites. But only Germany and the Netherlands were willing to go along when Chuton sent Secretary of State Warren Christopher to Europe seekme the affies endorsement.

The "litt and strike" strategy was shelved, and the Serbs went alread with their around on Muslim enclaves, delying appeals that they agree to a ceasetire and negotiate a settlement. Chatten hardly came across

as a swashfuckler. He said it would be "arrogant" for the Urated States to assume it would take care of all the world's problems.

Indeed, Rwanila, where tens of thousands of Africans have been kined in bloods conflict between rivat clans is off the board as far as the United States is concerned,

And Cinton pulled remeaning 1. S. frooms out of Somaina He has shown no interest, either, in intervenme in Than to try to remove the ruling military junta.

But he is willing to take a stand in Bositia. On the grounds that U.S. interests are involved, the United States proposed bombing the Serbs if they did not withdraw their heavy weapons from battered Gorazde, And this time, NATO said all

right. No American ground troops are going to Bosnia, the president said, at least until there is a settlement of the two-year war. But U.S. warplanes will enter the conflict if the Serbs defy the ultimatum.

The interests Clinton and Christopher said were at stake include preventing a spillover to other Balkan countries and upholding NATO's functions in the pust-cold war era.

The United States itself is not threatened. And yet Clinton is prepared to use force. Sen. Sam Nunn, the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, would

New muscle on Bosnia shows fresh determination though it may be in the fu-ture. Clinton, without pro-viding any details, said he Security Council, which im-

more force - having NATO bomb Serbia, if need be, to compel the Serbs to quit their Other members of Con-

.have the United States show

positions around Gorazde (AFP photo)

gress prefer that the United States unilaterally lift the arms embargo against Bosnia.

Bombing Serbia, Christopher said last week, is not under consideration now.

posed the embargo on all sides in Bosnia. Nevertheless, Clinton has would weigh "other options" if the nlomatum does not

succeed As for lifting the embargo, Clinton said it would be a mistake for the United States to act alone. Other nations, he said, might feel justified in excluding themselves from

other resolutions of the U.N.

Bosnian Muslims demonstrate in favour of continued U.N. bombing of Serb

crossed a line with the ultimatum. It is an assertion of U.S.

power, not on the scale of the cold war era, but using military muscle nonetheless to try to deter aggression.

Not everyone in Congress is pleased. Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., complained this

week that Congress bad not given its consent. He also said the "mother test" bad not been met. That is, Hollings said, if a mother lost a son or daughter in Bosnia. there was no way to justify the loss to her.

Christopber acknowledged even air action carries risks. But be — and the president - bave decided finally the risk is worth taking.

Report conflict over Yemen crisis

(Continued from page 1) ter signed in February in a bid to save the four-year-old union of north and south.

A joint military commission grouping Omani and Jordanian officers and the American and French military attaches is in Damar in an attempt to rein in

the fighting. Sanaa officials said it would be proceeding to Abyan and Lahej provinces around Aden on a similar task.

Officials here said an envoy sent by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was trying to set up a meeting between Saleh and Beidh.

But, with political tension at boiling point, the halt in the bloodletting may only be a temporary respite in the turmoil sweeping one of the Arab World's poorest states.

It was not clear whether there was much room for compromise between the conserva-

tive, tribal-oriented north and the socialist south.

Two earlier rounds of peace talks - in Jordan in February and in Oman earlier this month foundered amid military clashes and seemingly intractible political differences in Ye-

These have threatened to tear apart the May 1990 merger between north and south that united an ancient land that had been split since 1839.

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ANC predicts big victory

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ANC and its main black rival, Zulu chief Mangosutbu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom

About 15,000 people have died in political unrest since Mr. de Klerk started dismantling apartheid in 1990. But the level of violence has fallen away dramatically with the elections.

"I wish to appeal to the people of Kwazulu and the rest of South Africa to turn their backs against violence," the king said on state television. "We (the Zulu nation) still

have a very long and hard road to travel. By voting we have just taken the first step towards our destiny," added King Zwelithini, whose decision to back the poll was crucial to Inkatha's participation.

Mr. Buthelezi, the king's uncle, said on Saturday he would accept the election result, even if he lost in Kwazulu. But he refused to vouch for the mood of the people if they felt they had been cheated.

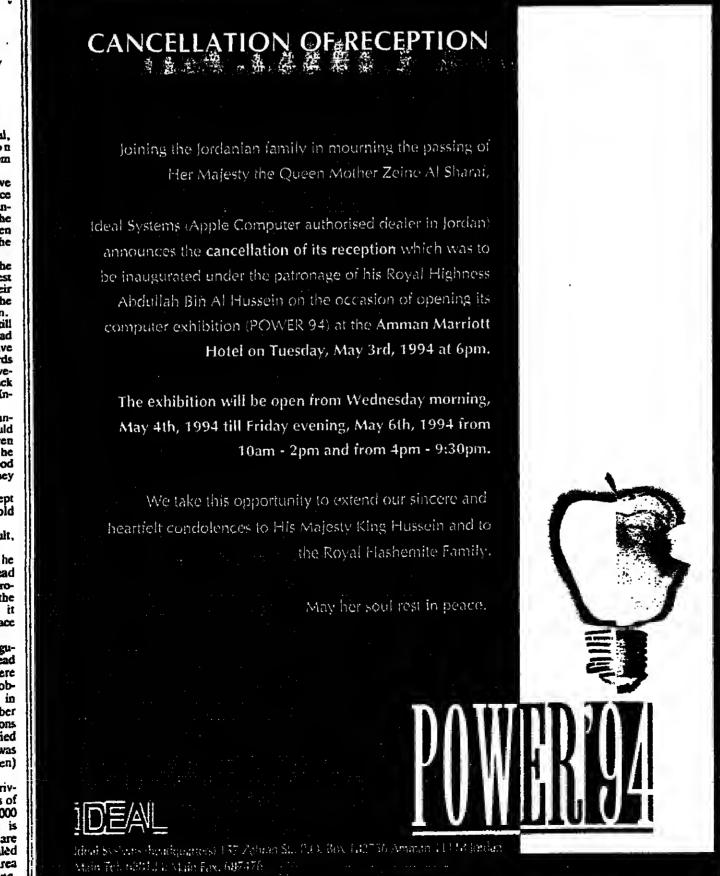
Asked if he would accept defeat, Mr. Bnthelezi told

"I would accept the result,

The Inkatha leader said he was worried by widespread irregularities in the ballot pro-cess and warned that if the people were dissatisfied it could jeopardise future peace in South Africa.

"I hope this (voning irregularities) is not a widespread problem because if it is there are going to very serious probhe told Reuters in Ulundi. "You must remember that in Angola the elections went through, it was certified free and fair, but there was never any peace there (even)

until now. Ballot boxes were still arriving at some of the hundreds of counting centres at noon (1000 GMT) Saturday. Once it is verified that the boxes are legitimate, they are resealed and moved to another area within the station for counting. Each ballot was to be counted





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Turkish markets fall on credit rate cut

ANKARA (R) — Turkisb financial markets fell sharply Friday after a major U.S. agency cut the country's credit rating and said another downgrade was possible.

Istanbol stock market, already jittery after the Capital Markets Board suspended the activities of eight brokers this week, shed over 816 points to 15,009 before recovering slightly in late trading to close 729.64 points or 4.6 per cent down at 15,096.68.

The 69-share index has plummeted since hitting a re-cord high of 28,883.61 on Jan.

The lira dropped to 34,600 to the dollar from Thursday's close of 33,000 and the central bank lifted its overnight money rate to 400 per cent from its 350 per cent openis

ou per cent opening.
The battered Terkish currency has lost 56 per cent of its dollar value this year.

"I'm afraid the central bank will try and lift its interest rates even more as external borrowing becomes harder and the dollar keeps climbing," one

"It would not be doommongering to say that we are heading for hyperinflation with these interest rates," said Soner Dolanay, treasurer for Westdeutsche Landesbank in Istanbul.

Standard and Poor's (S.P.) cut its rating on Turkey's longterm currency debt to B-plus from BB on Thursday.

"I think we are in for a black summer as far as Turkey's economy goes, but I do not think the downgrade is particularly significant," said a dealer at a foreign bank in Istanbul. "Turkey will have more trouble borrowing ahroad, hut the treasury already needed to find

other ways of getting money."
Prime Minister Tansu Ciller amounced an austerity package on April 5 to combat inflation and reduce public deficits. She then sought help from the International Monetary Fund

Baokers said they were awaiting the outcome of talks with an IMF mission on a standby credit which would enable Turkey to return to foreign capital markets.

"It is imperative that the country have access to foreign resources," an official at a state-owned bank said. "It is important to see what the IMF will demand of us. It is very likely that they will ask us to

S.P., which cut Turkey's debt rating in January, said the

latest downgrade might not be the last. It said its action reflected Turkey's huge external debt, dwindling foreign exchange reserves and the fading likelihood that Ms. Ciller's austerity programme would

quickly reestablish confidence. About \$2.7 billion of foreign currency debt is affected by the S.P. downgrade.

Official foreign reserves have fallen by more than half since the end of 1993 to \$3.28

Meanwhile, foreign banks, hurt by the the failure of three banks and a snowballing financial crisis in Turkey, are seeking treasury cover for loan

Marmara Bank, Impexbank and TYT Bank, facing liquida-tion after failing to meet their obligations, had foreign debts worth \$320 million as of end-1993. The banks also had foreign risk exposures of around \$200 million, official digures

Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS), which bankers say has the largest slice in commercial loans to Turkey, wrote to the treasury and central bank this

week, urging them to undertake the foreign debts of the

"The talks are going on. I am sure we'll find a solution to this problem," said UBS spokesman Franz Raggenbass. "We are still interested in doing business with Turkey.

An executive at a leading U.s. bank said he hoped the Turkish treasury would pay back the foreign loans. Government sonrces said

the treasury was considering doing so if it could arrange some form of domestic debt rescheduling. "Foreign creditors will be pleased if we agree on such a plan," said one official. He

gave no details. The treasury is not legally obliged to reimborse foreigners for their loans to commercial banks but economists say it may decide to do so in a bid to improve Turkey's tar-

nished image. Many foreign creditors feaar thsi year's financial crisis could provoke more bank failures and are cutting lines to small banks or asking high spreads of up to LIBOR plus seven per

"We are treating every busi-ness case by case," said an

of American Express Bank, also believed to have a high exposure to Turkey's commercial banks.

By end-1993, the short foreign currency positions of TYT. Marmara and Impexbank stood at \$460 million, reflecting a strong tendency among Turkish banks to invest in the lira, which had in past years depreciated relatively slowly against the dollar.

But the lira's loss of 56 per cent of its dollar value this year has forced banks to close the dollar gaps in their liabilities. Many have more than halved their short positions.

The government has tried to restore confidence in the financial system by amending the central bank law to lay on a "lifeboat" for banks which find themselves in trouble.

But bankers say the law, which lets the central bank extend loans of np to twice a bank's equity, may be insufficient because many Turkish banks have low capital adequacy ratios.

They say the law also fails to address what they say is inadequate supervision of the banking sector.

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Japan's Hata studies ways to stem ven rise

TOKYO (R) — Japan's new Prime Minister Tsutomo Hata held an emergency meeting with ministers Saturday to discuss ways to halt the yen's rise and resolve trade tensions with Washington, a government official said.

"Prime Minister Hata and his economic ministers agreed to keep in close contact with other countries and monitor currency markets because of concern about the yen's recent rise," the official said after the

"They also agreed that top priorities included passage of the state budget and steps to end the trade dispute," he

Although he would not commeot further, news reports said Mr. Hata and his ministers in charge of economic planning and trade discussed Japanese government interventison to prop up the U.S. currency next week in the event that it resomed its decline.

Oo Friday, the dollar threatened to fall below 100 Japanese yen for the first time but its slide was halted by U.S. central bank intervention. It ended at 101.48-yen and 1.6540 German marks in New

The dollar has been falling due to the growing US.. trade deficit and a growing belief among traders that Tokyo-Washingtoo trade pensions are unlikely to be resolved as expected by June because of poli-

low against the yen (AFP photo) tical turmoil in Japan.
Although Mr. Hata Hata's government will be appeared to be giving priority

to economic issues, one official said little could be decided without Finance Minister Hirohisa Fujü who left earlier oo Saturday for France to atteod an annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank. "They decided to go ahead

even though the finance minister was not able to attend," said the fioance official. There's a limit to what can be done without the key economic minister." Mr. Hata formed Japan's

first minority government in 39 years on Thursday after the ruling coalition's biggest partner, the Socialist Party, walked out in the wake of a power struggle between conservative and leftist camps.

Analysts say Mr. Hata probably be forced to call elections after the national budget for 1994/95, now four weeks late, is passed through parliament. The current session ends on

Although a general election is not due until summer 1997, expections are high that Mr.

more than two to three months," said commentator Masaya Ito. "The only thing expected of it is that it will pass the budget."

measures to help end the recession, according to television and wire agency reports. He also stressed the need to preseot a market-opening plan to Washington by the scheduled

It is unclear whether the weak Hata cabinet will be able to produce its promised package to convince the United

prompt Washington to push the yen higher as the only other means of cutting the trade surplus - a move that would damage Japaoese

another country was classed as a criminal act, he said the key "We must take on board American officials have The text was a compromise those financially active counwas the complex jurisdical been keen to get an OECD question of extraterritoriality. "Many countries have no tradition of this. The U.S. act

PARIS (R) — After years of painstaking study, the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said Friday it had finally approved a policy code aimed at stamping out corrup-tion and bribery of government

"After four years of work on bribery in international commercial transactions, we have achieved a compromise after a delicate period of bargaining. Dr. Marc Pieth, the Swiss chairman of the OECD working group on illicit payments, The Paris-based grouping of industrialised nations, which in March welcomed its 25th mem-

ber, Mexico, began working on official corruption in 1989 at the request of the United Although all countries have some laws which outlaw brib-ery of their own officials, the

software industry lost almost

\$4 billion to piracy in 1993 with

Japan and China suffering the

heaviest losses in the region,

the Business Software Alliance

Asia, which accounted for 31

per cent of the world's piracy

losses totalling \$12.8 billion in

1993, was named as the region

with the second highest inci-dence of software their after

Europe, the BSA said in a

(BSA) said Saturday.

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"We have now reached a

"It is a firm commitment to effective measures based oo agreement that corruption is both harmful to fair competition and to the political pro-cess. This should lift the taboos about corruption," he pointed

U.S. foreign complt practices act is the only legislation in the

to software piracy.

OECD that makes it a criminal

offence to pay a bribe to an official of a foreign country. policy. U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher has said U.S. companies are losing millions of dollars a year in contracts because they are unable to match the bribes of competi-

text which has a chance of being accepted by everybody," Mr. Pieth told a news confer-

He said individual countries would reveiw the list of points then look at their own legislation to see what could be done to apply or adapt the law.

China, where illegal soft-

"I think countries will feel bound by the recommendation," Mr. Pieth said.

between announcing outright that countries would take the necessary steps to combat bribery, and saying that countries would pick and choose whatever steps they deemed neces-

He said the text left leeway for individual countries to take decisions oo the exact steps to

"But this is not just another vague text - we have made up our minds to do something concrete - and in the context of the accord it is 'obligatory' to look at the points," he said. He noted that most Euro-

criminal acts of bribery of a foreign public official embodied in their national law. But as for enforcing the OECD code among countries which did not belong to the

body, which is often seen as a

pean countries had laws about

OECD agrees code of practice against corruption rich, Western lobby group, he snggested "peer pressure" would come into play.

tries who are not OECD members, like the booming South-east Asian economies. We invite all non-members to take note of this accord," he said. Stressing that he was speak-

ing in a personal capacity, Mr. Pieth declined to detail the list of confidential measures which had been approved or specific cases of corruption discussed. But he said one of the topics

on the list involved measures to tackle bribes paid by companies which were treated as tax-dedoctible husiness ex-

"This is not a clear issue. We have found that there is not one single country not allowing tax deduction in some way... it's a question of how you define corruption really," Mr.

Asked why the United

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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY MAY 1, 1994 By Thornas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You may need to adopt a more to keep promises you have made to friends and family. expand your career activities at the present time. Be especially alert to all that is going on around you both at home and at

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) A good day to come to a fine meeting of minds with others who are important to your welfare. Avoid one who deters your

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Get busy early making your en-vironment more functional and harmonious. Health treatments will make you more dynamic and energetic.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Study your creative talents well and make them work more efficiently. Sidestep one who is jealous of you and the progress vou make.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You have fine ideas now that could mean added abundance in the future. Allow time for recreational activities before a new work week.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) A fine day for sociability and gaining the added goodwill of people you like. Show more affection for the one you love and appreci-

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Study the practical side of your daily dealings and know to

make the most of them. Be sure LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) You should awake feeling very happy. Contact people you like and have a fine time. Make plans for the days ahead your loved ones. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Concentrate on

future. Strive for increased harmony with family members in whatever endeavour you choose. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Use your intuition and know how best to advance in the future. A new contact could be of great help to you now

how to be more productive in the

for your success. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) An influential person you know can be most help-ful in gaining a personal aim at this time. Engage in your favourite hobby and have a pleasant time in so doing.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Find the right outlet for your special talent which will be noticed by those in charge. Come to a better under-standing with family members. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Follow your hunches since they are accurate at this time and will not fall you. Make longrange plans to have greater abundance in the future.

FORECAST FOR MONDAY MAY 2, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Be certain to get off on the right foot and that you are working at the right pace with the correct in-formation today as we experi-ence the difficult aspects of Moon square Jupiter, Sun and

You are able to gain personal goals with relative case at this time. Come to a better understanding with the one you love. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) A fine day for being gregarious, so contact good friends and allies and express happiness. Much good can come of this in your

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

MOON CHILDREN; (June 22 to July 21) A good day to contact influential persons and gain the favours you need. Don't neglect an important credit matter which must be settled.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Gaining the goodwill of newcomers and meeting new ones is quite easy today. Follow through on ideas provided to you by a loved

matters which could put you in an embarrassing position at this LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Try to please associates more and come to a much better understanding. Think along more constructive lines for better progress for you.

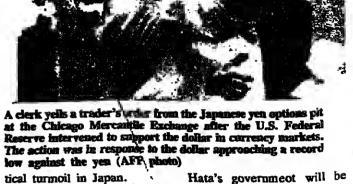
SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Start the new week with more enthusiasm and Follow your iotuition which is

bring your talents to the attention of higher-ups who can give you the support which you de-sire. Be logical in any situation.

January 20) Get busy on new plans for improving home conditions. Try to help a friend in need. This evening can be a happy one especially with loved ones around you

February 19) Personal goals are easy to reach now, but don't neglect important business responsibilities. Avoid risky schemes which can be trouble

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Putting new plans to work can bring you added income in the future. Be more enthusiastic and get excellent result for the



brought down in a no. confidence vote hy opposition parties. "This government won't last

In the meeting, Mr. Hata urged his aides to work on

time in June.

States of its sincerity in reducing Japan's chronic trade surplus with its largest trading partner. Failure to do so could

attempts at economic recov-

The beaviest lowes in Asia Parlour, a BSA vicereached \$646 million and were recorded in Japan, where

LONDON (R) — Worldwide recording industry sales broke through the \$30 billion mark last year, with the compact disc ing to make ground on the caractic and the old vinyl record almost facing from ear-

Figures released by the In-Phonographic Industry (IFPI)

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Friday revealed a 5.9 per cent rise in total recording industry sales to \$30.5 billion, with compact disc sales surging 19.4

Cassettes still ruled the roost with 1.44 billion sold, but they declined two per cent, while vinyl LP sales fell 30 per cent and singles 16.1 per cent.

scriously the growth of the industry in the region. "Although there have been some improvement in the level of software theft in a few countries in the region, much more needs to be done," said Alix

Asia software theft costs industry \$4b in '93

ware accounted for 94 per cent of the total market, suffered a loss of almost \$596 million. The BSA said the situation in China continued to threaten

forcement measures to protect legitimate markets for software," she said in the state-The BSA estimates illegal

software accounted for more than 98 per cent of three markets in Asia - Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand - resulting in a total loss of almost

strong copyright laws and en-

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governments to put in place

Dollar losses in South Korea

Taiwan \$184 million.

The BSA said the Japanese government was considering possible revisions to its copyright laws which may weaken protection by permitting unauthorised copying, adaptation and translation of software programmes, a process known as decompilation.

BSA's Parlour said: "If adopted, these amendments would undermine the economic viability of the software industry while also stifling competitiveness in Japan."

World recording industry sales top \$30b mark

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per cent to 1,39 billion units.

"The cassette is still the world's dominant sound carrier in volume terms but sales have begun to decline for the first time in 1993 and in all of the major markets except Mexico, CD sales now significantly out-

weight cassette sales," the IFPI Cassettes have 44 per cent of the market and CDs 42 per cent, vinyl singles have 12 per cent and LPs just two per cent.

The IFPI said the vinyl format "has all but disappeared from almost every developed market with almost 70 per cent of the world total being derived from just four territories - China, Greece, Brazil and South Korea."

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GET THE BALL OUT.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You can plan the future well now with the aid of experts, so contact them early in the day. Avoid one who is jealous of you and

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Don't neglect money

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Belgium, Norway open world's largest sea pipeline

ZEEBRÜGGE, Belgium (R)
— Jelgium and Norway Friday inaugurated the world's longest undersea pipeline. which will pump Norwegian natural gas to continental Europe for the next three de-

The \$1.5 billion "zeepipe" is 810 kilometres long and 102 centimetres io diametre. It is the first phase of the Troll gas sales agreements, which will deliver Norwegian natural gas to the European continent for 28 years.

The pipe connects the Sleip-ner North Sea drilling platform with the Belgian coastal harbour of Zecbrugge.

"This pipeline is a concrete example of European integration in the field of energy, which is dear to Norway," Belgian Prime Minister Jean-Luc Debaene said.

This huge project will unite us and ensure that we are partners far into the next century," his Norwegian counterart Gro Harlem Brundtland

"r. Dehaene said Zeebrug-

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ge will become an important transit centre for the I-rench and Spanish markets, adding he hoped Zeebrugge would be chosen if Statoil decided to build an additional pipeline.

The Troll agreement signed in 1986 commits Norway to deliver almost 1,000 billion cubic metres of natural gas to companies in continental Europe over 2º years. Based on current prices, the total sales would be worth about \$100 billion

When the entire project is up to speed by 2005, it will deliver some 43 billion cubic metres per year. In 1993 the whole of western Europe consumed around 295 billion cubic

The discovery of the enormous Troll gas field - which holds nearly half of Norway's estimated 2,880 billion eubic metres of natural gas reserves — in 1979 marked the start of a long negotiating process with buyers in Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and later Austria and Spain.

Arab economy growing moderately in '93-'94 — report

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The economies of Arab countries are expected to grow mod-erately this year after a slowdown in the wake of the Gulf war, an official report has said.

The annual Arab Economic Report, distributed by the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF), added that they had probably grown moderately last year as well hased on projections. Fi-gures for 1993 were not avail-

In current prices, the combined Arab gross domestic product (GDP) stood at \$483 billion in 1992 compared with \$440 billion in 1991, it said.

In real prices, the GDP grew by only 0.2 per cent anoually between 1990 and 1992 due to a sharp decline in the economies of Iraq and Kuwait. Excluding the two countries, the Arab GDP grew by 5.2 per cent, the report said.

"The Arab economy is expected to register moderate growth rates in 1993 and 1994

deterioration in the real per capita income in the Arab World," said the report, pre-pared jointly by the Abu Dbabi-based AMF, the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, (OAPEC) and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

"But this should be coupled with a continuation of the reform programmes adopted by some Arab countries and expansion of such programmes in the countries which are adopting partial reforms," the report pointed out.

The 510-page report, which covers economic and social developments in the 22-member Arab League for 1992, said real per capita income had grown by only around one per cent annually since 1975. It said this was due to a slowdown in the economy after the oil boom and a rapid popula-

The bulk of the growth in per capita income was recorded in the countries which are enforcing reforms while growth was negative in most oil producing members. Growth stood at 2.3 per ceot in 12 Arab states while it registered a negative 21 per cent in the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the three remaining key oil producers -

Algeria, Iraq and Libya.

"Looking back at the per capita income during the past decades, we find that the rapid growth recorded during the 1970s started to disappear in the following decade while the deterioration which occurred in 1990 and 1991 was not offset in 1992," the report said. "As a result, per capita income grew only modestly after ocarly 17 years of development efforts."
Egypt, Jordan, Yemeo.

Tunisia, Marocco, Mauritania and other Arab countries have introduced reforms to tackle their economies, which are suf-

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the economy (AFP photo)

fering from accumulating debt, slow growth, unemployment and deficits in their budgets and balances of payments.

The reforms gained momentum after the Gulf war slashed aid and remittances from the oil-rich region to those countries, which had heavily depended on such sources in their mcome. Experts expect most Arabs to press ahead with the reforms to offset the decline in aid and diversify their income scurces.

"Given the continuous re-

form programmes in the regioo and the growing experience of Arab countries in facing crises, it is hoped that 1992 would have been a beginning of a new stage in the Arab economy,'

the report said.

It said real growth in 1992 exceeded eight per cent in Jor-dan, Tunisia, Sudan, and Syria while it stood at 4.4 per cent in Egypt and 2.4 per cent in Manritania. It plunged by more than eight per cent in Djibouti, Somalia, Lebanon

and Yemen and by three per ceot in Morocco mainly because of drought.

"If we exclude Iraq and Kuwait, we can say the Arab economy started to recover in 1989," it said, "The sharp decline in growth in 1991 and 1992 was due to economic problems io those two countries which suffered from large losses from the war as well as indirect losses inflicted on other Arab countries after the

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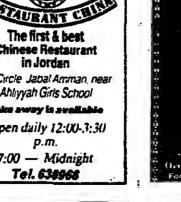
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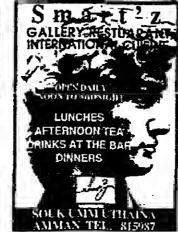
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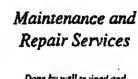






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Whoopi to wed union organiser NEW YORK (R) - Comedian and actress Whoopi Gold-

berg said she would marra a union organiser, Lyle Trachtenberg, possibly in 1995. She

told a visibly surprised Larry King on his Cable News Net-

work talks show Larry King

Live she would marry Trach-

tenberg, "soon, maybe in 1995," and displayed her en-gagement ring for the camera. Mr. Trachtenberg, 38, re-

portedly met Ms. Goldberg.

44, when he visited the set of

her recent hit comedy sister

Act 2 to determine the film

crew's union status. "I don't

know if he made a splash. hnt

he definitely had my atten-

tion," Ms. Goldberg said as

she introduced her fiance to

King. Mr. Trachtenberg, who

sported two sapphire earnings

on his left lobe, is an interna-

tional representative for the

International Alliance of

Theatrical State Employees

and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the U.S. and

Canada, the union that repre-

sents technical and craft work-

ers in the film industry. The

couple said they had been dat-

ing for about seven months

before their engagement. No. Goldberg said of Mr. Tracil-

tenberg "he's a normal guy.

He's got a regular 9-5 job five

days a week. I've never gone

out with somebody like that before. ...He's stable, secure.

Dick Tracy, wife

to reconcile in

comic strip

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Bosnian Serbs violate exclusion zone in Gorazde, U.N. says

cials said Saturday Bosnian Serb forces had fired on British peacekeepers within a demilitarised zone around

The report cast doubt on Serb compliance with NATO demands to withdraw from the

A British unit was patrolling the edge of the zone at 1330 local (1130 GMT) Friday when it came under fire from Bosnian Serb troops south east of Gorazde. U.N. military spokesman Eric Chaperon told

The British U.N. soldiers "returned fire and withdrew. The Serbs followed the British patrol and fired on them again. The Brit Batt (British battalion) patrol returned fire and withdrew successfully without taking casualties." Maj. Chaperon said in Sarajevo.

The British claimed to have caused three casualties on the Bosnian Serb side but this had yet to be confirmed, he added.

The shooting incident contradicted earlier U.N. reports from peacekeeping comman-

Rwandans

flee into

Tanzania

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)

Hundreds of thousands of

Rwandans fleeing the ethnic bloodbath in their homeland

advanced toward the border

with Tanzania Saturday in a

line that stretched for more

than five miles (eight kms).

More than 250,000 refugees
fled into Tanzania Friday.

U.N. officials said Rwandan

army troops abandoned the border ahead of advancing re-

bels and that refugees were

walking toward the frontier.

400,000 are near the border,

very near to crossing. We are talking about a total of about

600,000 people." U.N. spokes-mm Abdal Kabia said by tele-phone from Kigali, the capital. Estimates of the numbers of

refugees varied widely and ear-

her the U.N. estimated the

total could reach 300,000 to

400,000 refugees. Mr. Kabia's

A U.N. source, speaking on

condition of anonymity, said

Kibungo province along the southeastern border with Tan-

zania had fallen to the rebels.

government forces. It seems

now they are either mable or

unwilling to protect it," said

Mr. Kabia said the refugees

fleeing into Tanzania included

Hutus frightened by the adv-

ance of the mostly Tutsi rebels

of the Rwandan Patriotic Front

(PFR) and Tutsis afraid of

being massacred by militias or

the Hatu-run government

U.N. chief Boutros Ghali

asked the Security Council Fri-day to reconsider its decision

to largely withdraw its 1.700

soldiers from Rwanda. The 270

peacekeepers remaining have reported a "deterioration in

the situation," he said in a

letter to the Security Council

obtained by the Associated

The Security Council, in a meeting early Friday, affirmed

the need to find ways to help restore order, including an

arms embargo on Rwanda, and

to help and protect refugees. It

did not mention peacekeepers but said it would consider the

the long-running feud between ethnic Hutus and Tutsis began

three and a half weeks ago,

more than 100,000 people are

estimated to have been killed

and 1.3 million forced from

Besides sending hundreds of thousands rushing for the

Tanzanian border, rebel gains

in the east and southeast also

weakened the government's

ability to defend the capital.

have a strangehold on the city

from three sides," said Mr.

Rebels and government troops fought brief mortar and

small arms duels early Satur-

day in the capital where there

were signs of a possible new

officers in the centre of Kigali

are now being evacuated by

government forces. Perhaps

they feel an attack on the city is

imminent. The (rebel)

strategy is to gradually encircle

the city," said the U.N. source

in the capital who spoke on

condition of anonymity.

The families of military

push by the rebels.

"They (the rebels) seems to

their homes.

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Since the latest flare-up in

secretary-general's letter.

Mr. Kabia.

"The border was guarded by

observers in the area.

"We estimate another

Sir Michael Rose that the Serbs had fully complied with U.N. and NATO demands to withdraw completely from a three kilometre zone around the Muslim town of Gorazde.

NATO issued an ultimatum last week ordering the Serbs to pull back their forces three kilometres from the eastern Bosnian enclave or face air

U.N. officials had said last weekend the Serbs had effecrively complied with U.N. and NATO demands aimed at ending a three-week Serb offensive on Gorazde.

But the Muslim-led Bosnian army has insisted the Serbs continue to violate the exclu-

Bosnian Muslim leaders have alleged that Serb soldiers have remained in the village of Zupcici near Gorazde and are posing as civilian policemen. U.N. and Western officials

said Saturday they were concerned that both Serb and Muslim armies were preparing for a major confrontation in

military observers reported a military buildup by Muslim-led forces and the Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) around Brcko, the weakest part of a corridor that links Serb-held lands in Bosnia and Croatia to Serbia

"We have heard of reinforcements from the BH (Bosmian army) and the BSA. We have seen BH troops heading for the corridor and from aerial reconnaissance there are indications of artillery from the BSA," Maj. Chaperon told re-

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher has hinted that northern Bosnia, which may be the next target of a Bosnian Serb offensive, could be given international protection. Unlike Gorazde, Brcko is

not one of the six U.N. designated "safe areas" that NATO pledged to protect with air power if necessary. Mr. Christopher said Friday

the NATO alliance knew the Serbs could be moving their weapons from Gorazde and other areas to new front lines.

"One possibility would be for the United Nations to designate those areas, if they are attacked, as safe areas," he

"You can be sure the United States... will be attentive to any effort on the part of the Serhs to attack any other

A senior U.S. official accompanying Mr. Christ-opher said the U.N. diplomats were holding urgent discussions on the subject.

Bosnian Serb and Muslim armies reported fighting Friday around the central village of Kladanj, north of Sarajevo.

British troops were also in the firing line Friday in Travnik in central Bosnia, where three Serb artillery rounds landed near their observation post, U.N. officials said. The British responded with

four mortar rounds fired towards the Serb positions. Nordic U.N. observation posts near Sapna and Tuzla,

north of Sarajevo, also came under fire Friday. No U.N. casualties were reported in the



U.S. President Bill Cliaton (left) talks at the White tribal leader during a meeting with leaders of

U.S.'s Native American tribes. According to the White House, this gathering is the first time all of the nation's tribes were invited to meet the president (AFP photo)

Indians, White House bury the hatchet

WASHINGTON (AFP) --Leaders of more than 500 Indian tribes buried the hatchet with the federal government in an apprecedented White House pow-wow with President Bill Clinton.

"Our history has not always been a proud one but our future can be," Mr. Clinton said during the 2-1/2 hour ceremony that included tribal chants sung hy leaders in tradi-tional eagle-feather costumes.

administration to treat each tribe as a separate government.

step toward convincing the

"For so long, from the Indian perspective, the doors of the White House have been closed to us. The symbolism is that the gates are open to us," explained Gaiashkibos, president of the National Congress of American Indians.

We should be accorded the utmost respect when we come to Washington and meet with high-level officials," he added.
"We're in danger," said
John Sunchild, president of Chippewa-Cree tribe of Mis-

Mr. Clinton issued a memorandum directing his adminis-

tration to follow certain principles in dealing with indigenous groups, saying that any actions taken by Washington "should be implemented in a know-ledgeable, sensitive manner respectful of tribal sovereignty."

The president signed another directive allowing greater access to eagle feathers used in Indian rituals without modifying federal protection for the birds.

Mr. Clinton said he hoped the native American tribes could diversify their economic activities beyond casino gambling, which has been a con-

troversial but major source of revenue in recent years for the

CHICAGO (AP) - Good news for comic strip charact Dick Tracy fans: He's not ge ting divorced after all. Tracwife of 45 years. Tes threatened to leave him February because she was tir of being a police wife. But Monday, she'll break do and accept the veter crimestopper's apologies : an offer of a second hor moon to the Cayman Islar Tribune Media Services, wi syndicates the comic strip, Tracy will promise to lay police business while on honeymoon. But the compacould not guarantee he w keep that promise. The Dic Tracy comic strip was create in 1931 by Chester Gould. It i now drawn by Dick Loche and written by Michael Kilian.

Giant emeraid brings £231,000

at auction LONDON (R) - One of the world's largest emeralds and the biggest ever to come to the deroom retched £231.000 (\$350,000) in London, auction house Bonham's said. The huge gem, measuring more than two inches (five cm) across, dates from the 17thcentury Indian mughal court and was bought by an anony-mous telephone hidder from Hong Kong. The precious stone, which weighs 430 carats and was owned for years by the literary Sackville-West family, was sold from the estate of the late Sir Robin McAlpine, former head of a major British construction group. The emerald, carved with parakeets sitting back to back amidst scrolling flowering plants, was set as a brooch with diamonds and pearls by Cartier in 1916, and had been expected to sell for as

Jackson wins role model award

much as £250,000 (\$280,000).

NEW YORK (AFP) — Pop superstar Michael Jackson made a rare public appearance here to accept an award after being voted best role model by 100,000 children. Jackson, under investigation for molesting a 13-year-old boy, was the children's choice of the eight to 16-year-old from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. "I am deeply honoured. I love you all," Jackson said blowing kisses to the hundreds of children who shouted back 'Michael, Michael." The award was sponsored by Body Scuipt, a non-profit group that promotes physical fitness as a way of avoiding drugs.

Hong Kong house sold for \$2,000 per square foot

HONG KONG (R) — White would be considered a faint modest two-storey house any other country fetched staggering \$2,000 per square foot in Hong Kong, a reserven by the astonishing less of property prices in the Bush colony. The house of Visitia Peak, Hong Kong's mosup-market residential district was sold for HK dollars a 6.61 million (\$32.7 million samproperty agent Raymad Ho Friday. The record, twever, is not expected to find for long, said Mr. Ho, a rector of First Pacific Davies The top First Pacific Davies The top end of Hong Kong booming property market is howing no signs of cooling down, he said.

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Spain's interior minister resigns

MADRID (R) — Spain's Interior Minister Antonio Asuncion said Saturday he had presented his resignation to Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez over the case of a former Civil Guard head wanted on corruption allegations. The whereabouts of former director-general of the Civil Guard, Luis Roldam, remain unknown after a Madrid judge Friday ordered his arrest. "I assume my political responsibility and I have verbally presented my resignation to the prime minister. He will respond when he considers convenient," Mr. Asuncion told a news conference. He added that he expected Mr. Gonzalez to accept it unless Roldam was captured in the next few days. Mr. Asuncion would become the first major government casualty from two serious corruption scandals in the past couple of months. Former Bank of Spain Governor Mariano Rubio is being investigated for illicit stock market deals and tax evasion.

Trial sought for Italy's Bossi

ROME (R) — Italian magistrates have requested Northern League leader Umberto Bossi stand trial on charges of breaking the law on the financing of political parties, judicial sources said Saturday. Mr. Bossi was named among 37 people magistrates want to bring to trial in connection with the so-called Enimont affair. The list also concluded former Socialist Prime Minister Bettino Craxi and ex-Christian Democrat Budget Minister Paolo Cirino Pomicino. The fiery Bossi's Northern League is set to enter government for the first time as part of the Freedom Alliance which triumphed in March 27/28 general elections. Mr. Bossi, who frequently attacked Italy's corruption-tainted political old guard, was put on a list of suspects last December over a \$125,000 payment his party received from the Ferruzzi Company.

S. Korea's Kim vows to continue reforms

SEOUL (AFP) — President Kim Young-Sam Saturday appointed a former unification minister and known liberal to his old post, pledging to push shead with his reform policy. Mr. Kim named Lee Hong-Koo, vice president of the government Advisory Council on Democratic and Peaceful Unification, to succeed Lee Young-Dun, who became the new prime minister Friday, the spokesman said. Mr. Kim also rejected resignations submitted by all 23 of the other cabinet members and returned them to their posts. "The cabinet change was only to fill the double post of unification minister and deputy prime minister vacated by the promotion of Lee Yung-Duk," the spokesman said. There had been speculation that Mr. Kim might carry out a wider cabinet restruffic to placate public anger over the sacking of the popular prime minister, Lee Hoi-Chang, earlier this month. Mr. Lee Hoi-Chang, who once led King Young-Sam's anti-graft campaign as chief auditor, was backed in what some observors said was a power struggle among the ruling camp. But Mr. Kim took pains in dismissing criticism that the sacking of the reformminded Lee Hoi-Chang was evidence that he was lapsing into past authoritarianism. "We must keep up with our efforts to push through with reforms," Mr. Kim said at his first meeting with the new cabinet.

3 soldiers die in N. Ireiand fire

BELFAST (R) - Three soldiers died and eight others were injured when fire swept through a barracks in Northern Ireland Saturday. Security sources said the blaze, in the western town of Magherafelt, was believed to have started accidentally in the soldiers' wood-built quarters, trapping several of them as aumunition exploded in the intense beat. Survivors said the accommodation block was engulfed in flames within minutes. The victims were members of the province's Royal Irish Regiment, which operates alongside the British army in its war against the Irish Republican Army (IRA). The soldiers were resting between anti-guerrilla patrols when the fire broke out. The barracks has been attacked several times by the IRA, but security chiefs do not believe there was any terrorist involvement this time. An army spokeswoman said: "It does not look as if the fire was started intentionally. A full investigation is under way to determine

Taiwan civii aviation director quits

TAIPEI (AFP) - The head of Taiwan's Civil Aeronatics Administration (CAA) Saturday submitted his resignation to the government after a China Airlines (CAL) plane crashed, killing 263 people. Sun Chao-Liang, director-general of the CAA, submitted his resignation to Transportation and Communications Minister Liu Chao-Shiuan following a motion approved late Friday by members of parliament for Mr. Sun to step down. The CAL Airbus 300-600R crashed and exploded while attempting to land at Nagoya Airport in central Japan Tuesday, killing 263 of 271 people aboard the plane.

Peter Seller's widow dead at 39

LOS ANGELES (R) - Actress Lynne Frederick, the 39-year-old widow of the late British comedian Peter Sellers. was found dead in her bed this week, officials said. Although further tests were planned after an autopsy failed to determine the cause of death, coroner's investigators said there was no evidence of foul play or suicide. "We're investigating this as a natural death," said Scott Carrier, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Coroner's office. Ms. Frederick, Seller's fourth wife, died in her bed Wednesday in her West Los Angeles home. Her mother found her body that night still under the covers. Mr. Carrier said. Sellers was previously married to actresses Anne Howe from 1951 to 1964, Britt Ekland from 1964 to 1969 and Miranda Quarry from 1970 to

Russia, Latvia agree troop pullout

MOSCOW (R) — The presidents of Russia and Lativa ended two years of tense negotiations Saturday with a formal agreement to pull ex-Soviet troops out of the tiny Baltic state by Ang. 31.

Presidents Boris Yeltsin and Guntis Ulmanis signed the deal in the Kremlin, ending what Latvians see as decades of occupation by Moscow's armies. Latvia and neighbouring Lithuania and Estonia were annexed by the Soviet Union

"I want to mention a question painful both for Latvia and for us, that of the remrian regime of the 1940s," an emotional Mr. Yeltsin told Mr. Ulmanis after the signing cere-

Mr. Ulmanis expressed heartfelt gratitude for Mr. Yeltsin's remarks, adding that they would "help many people in Latvia overcome the psychological and practical disagreements between the two coun-

The last obstacle to signing — the status of 20,000 retired army officers and their families - had been removed at talks in Latvia Friday, although nationalists in Latvia's parliament have refused to accept the compromise deal so far. According to Latvian figures

stationed inside Latvia.

In a tent on the White House grounds. Mr. Clinton pledged a new partnership with the native American tribes that would provide them with greater antonomy. The historic meeting was seen by the tribes as a major

sources said.

pital sources said. At least 21 vehicles, two shops and a bank have been torched in this port city and commercial hub of the country since Friday and the death toll has risen to eight in two days, ambulance and firehrigade

"I want to say officially again that we condemn these acts against the autonomy of the Republic of Latvia and its people.

there are still 10,500 troops

now under Russian control,

Karachi violence wõrsens;6 more killed leaving two people dead, allegedly from the shooting. Incidents of firing and snip-ing by unidentified men have migrants from India after the

KARACHI (AFP) — At least six people were killed here Saturday in an upsurge in vio-lence linked to an antigovernment campaign by an ethnic migrant movement, hosunidentified gunmen opened

The violence has also left more than 30 people injured. The Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) represents the large Urdu-speaking commun1947 partition of the subcontinent or their descendants. One person died Saturday in sniper fire and three died when

fire on a bus which overturned as the driver tried to flee, witnesses said, At least one more body was believed trapped under the bus and rescue workers said the

man was apparently dead. A running gun battle between police and supporters of the MQM left two dead Fri-

day. A policeman was shot dead early Saturday, police

The MQM had announced a two-day mourning period after police fired on a crowd Friday heavily-populated central and eastern parts of the city. Attendance in schools and offices was thin and the streets were deserted with public transport off the roads in most

heen reported from the

areas. Witnesses said the disturbances had spilled over into the usually peaceful wealthy areas of the city.

Sindh Chief Minister Abdullah Shah, who belongs to Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party, met with senior officials to

Electors to punish Dutch ruling coalition

THE HAGUE (AFP) -Dutch electors appear set to punish the ruling coalition in general elections Tuesday, as opinion polls show voters flocking to smaller parties to protest mounting unemployment and a surge in asylum-

Latest figures published as the election campaign neared its end showed a 33 per cent leap in the numbers out of work in the first quarter of the year, sending shock waves through the ruling Christian Democratic Appeal (CDA)/ Labour (PVDA) coalition, in power since 1989.

Voters have been further angered by the coalition's declared aim to cut back on the country's social security system, and their anger could lead to a repeat of the coalition's poor showing in March municipal elections.

In addition, immigration has proven to be a divisive campaign issue, as the number of asylum-seekers in the Netherlands is predicted to rise from 35.000 in 1993 to 70.000 this

But while both Labour and the Chrisitian Democrats are expected to lose seats, it remains unclear who will be the principal beneficiaries of electors' ire as polling organisations report voters splitting their favours between a range of extremist and protest par-

Such is the confusion only days before the poll that Dutch newspapers have already suggested six different coalitions that could emerge from the new 150-member parliament.

According to opinion polls the CDA of Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers will retain only 33 of the 54 seats it has in the outgoing parliament -- a finding that represents something of a comeback on its rating at the outset of the campaign.

Labour is set to lose around 15 of its 49 seats after a poor start to the campaign. But if the polls are to be believed the party will still be the largest grouping in the new assembly.

U.S. seek total trade embargo against Haiti

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -The United States has circulated a resolution within the Security Council that would impose a total trade embargo against Haiti and punish its military rulers.

U.S. diplomats said they were sending copies of the draft to the other 14 members of the council. They hoped the resolution will be adopted next

The Council already has imposed an oil and arms embargo against Haiti, the poorest nation in the western hemisphere. The new sanctions would

ban all trade, except for food and medicine. The resolution would also give key military and police officials 15 days to leave office of the country, before the total

embargo would take effect.

U.S. diplomats said army chief Gen. Raoul Cedras, his Chief of Staff Philippe Biamphy and Port-Au-Prince Police Chief Michel Francois should step down.

"There is a basic consensus on the Security Council for passage of the sanctions resolutions," U.S. Amhassador Madeleine K. Albright told reporters. "We are not alone in being frustrated, irritated and furious about what has been going on in Haiti."

The tougher sanctions would target Haiti's military leaders. The measures include a travel ban on about 600 key Haitian military and police figures and their families, a possible freeze on the Haitian leadership's overseas assets, and a ban on all non-commercial flights.

The aviation ban is intended to stop illicit drug trafficking from Haiti.

Food, fuel, medicine and humanitarian supplies would be exempt from the embargo. The trade cutoff also would exempt mangoes, a Haitian export, for fear that mango trees would be cut down for firewood if they did not yield a cash crop.

In a U.S. policy shift, the draft resolution drops earlier references to required steps by ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and puts no pressure on him.

U.S. diplomats said two more centres would be established in Haiti to process claims for political asylum. The resolution says Mr.

Aristide's return and the restoration of democracy are the main goals, but it does not set a timetable. Mr. Aristide was ousted in a military coup in September

In Washington, administration officials said the draft resolution would close a major loophole in the U.S. embargo that sent trade with Haiti upward instead of down. Under the Bush administration when the embargo first was imposed. the United States insisted on a special exemption for goods assembled in Haiti from U.S. materials and then sent back to the United States.

Clothing, softballs and baseballs were the major items. Meanwhile the Haitian military Friday blocked a United Nations civilian team from investigating reports of killings in a hamlet in a northern region. The five-member team was

shouted at by dozens of townspeople, many wielding machetes, and surrounded by about 30 soldiers as it attempted to visit the hamlet of Bassin

The hamlet has been sealed off hy authorities since an alleged attack earlier this month on the military outpost in Petit Bourg.

A source close to the military, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said this week that more than 40 people were killed in a military sweep earlier this month in the remote northern region. The U.N. team has been in the area since Wednesday investigating the

U.N. spokesman Eric Falt

did not give a reason why the team was turned back, but soldiers told Associated Press journalists attempting to cross into the region that they needed written permission from the regional military commander and warned that the area was a battle zone.

rebels were operating in this remote wooded area, but human rights advocates have previously questioned military claims, saying they provided a pretext for repression. Travellers in the area Friday reported killings and homes burned down in the hamlet.

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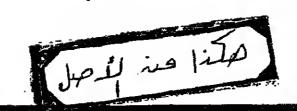
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Another U.N. team was in the west coast city of Gonaives, site of the killings last week of dozens of residents of a slum known to be sympathetic to exiled President

Aristide. The military source also said 50 people were slain in a similar operation in February in southwestern Le Pretre. Up to 3.000 people have

been killed in political violence since the army overthrew Mr. Aristide in September 1991. The Bassin Caimin hamlet was considered an Aristide stron-

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advances in Atlanta

Agassi, the third seed in the \$300,000 ATT challenge, was handed a stunning upset by fifth-seeded Malivai Washing-

Washington, ranked 31, defeated 20th-ranked Agassi 6-4, 7-5 after Agassi squandered a 5-2 lead in the second set. It was the first time Washington had beaten Agassi in four attempts and an unwelcome birtbday present for Agassi who turned 24 on Friday.

Washington will face top seed and fellow-American, Michael Chang, in Saturday's semifinals.

Chang easily dismissed Swedish qualifier, Christian Bergstrom, 6-1, 6-3 in the quarterfinals. Chang has a 4-1 winning record over Washington but the pair have never met

Seccond seeded American Todd Martin ended Mats Wilander's hopes of a first semifinal appearance since winning a tournament in Itaparica, Brazil, in 1990. Martin beat the 203rd ranked Swede 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) in the quarterfin-

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Martin will face the tournament's biggest surprise semifinalist, qualifier Wade McGuire who is playing in his

first tour event this week. McGuire, ranked 273, who has played mainly on the satellite circuit, got past Sweden's 106th-ranked Lars Jonsson, 6-

Agassi's first serve deserted bim at crucial moments. Washington made effective use of his own powerful serve and foreband to break Agassi for 5-4 in the first set. A lazy backhand into the net by Agassi sealed the set for Washing-

Agassi's serve was still erranc in the second set but he managed to break Washington for 2-0, then take a 5-2 lead. But Washington never took the pressure off and relied on his own solid serve to win the next five games.

Washington set up match point with a forehand winner powered down the line on the stretch, then won the match 7-5 when Agassi netted a forehand.

"I just had to hustle out there and make bim try to earn the points," Washington said. "It's a big win, It felt good, 1 went out there knowing it was going to be tough. I had my game plan and I just needed to

"My first serve really let me down at crucial times," Agassi said. "I've just been surviving. it feels like, all week. I'm disappointed with my whole game. Even if I'd won, I'd have come off court saying the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ratzenberger in critical condition after crash

IMOLA, Italy (R) — Austrian driver Roland Ratzenberger was crincally injured after a high-speed crash in final qualifying for the San Marino Grand Prix Saturday. Ratzenberger, in a Simtek, crashed at the Villeneuve corner at over 250 kph. His car slewed off the circuit and slammed into the trackside wall. Ratzenberger, 31, appeared to be unconscious when his car came to a halt 150 metres further up the circuit on the inside of the Tosa Hairpin. FIA spokesman Martin Whitaker said in a statement Ratzenberger had been taken to the Maggiore Hospital in Bologna in a "critical condition."

Rookies get Indy test

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Canadians Jacques Villeneuve and Ross Bentley plus Brazilians Marco Greco and Mauricio Gugelmin are among 13 drivers who began rookie testing Friday for next month's Indianapolis 500. Mexico's Adrian Fernandez, Sweden's Fredrik Ekblom, Japan's Hideshi Matsuda and six U.S. drivers are trying to pass their rookie test here before practice opens May 7 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The rookie orientation session organised by the U.S. Auto Club allows drivers who bave never raced at Indy to become familiar with the 2.5-mile oval. Speeds are limited until drivers show they can handle the coruse.

Italian to challenge Obree record

BORDEAUX (AFP) — Italian amateur Vanni Sanna is to make an assault on Graeme Obree's world hour record here May 13, the manager of the Bordeaux-Lac Velodrome said. It was in the same stadium that Obree reclaimed the record from Chris Boardman with a distance of 52.71km Wednesday. Sanna, who has been in training for three months, bas a personal best of 50.205km, set in Mexico.

Olympic champion announces retirement

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Double Olympic gold medallist Markus Wasmeier, Germany's biggest skiing star, announced Friday he was retiring. Wasmeier, 30, won the giant slalom and super-giant slalom titles in Lillehammer in February. He was also giant slalom world champion in 1985. Wasmeier said he plans to spend more time with his family, make movies and work for his sponsors.

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cuntract, take whatever risks are necessary to bring it home. However, when the cost of failure is going to be exorbitant — doubled, vulnerable undertricks can be very expensive-it might be necessary to cut your losses. Deciarer had the luxury

of going for broke on this hand. North's direct cue-bid was an oldfashioned strong takeout. The suction went off the rails when North next jumped to five hearts—in view of North's initial action, a second spade cue-bid or a raise to four hearts would have been adequate. Since the three-heart response promised nothing. South can hardly the ace of trumps and a ruffing

declorer was not enthrealed with dummy. One line did present itself and it depended on some lucky breaks as well as picking up the ten

ruff the opening lead with the jack of trumps. After cashing the king of trumps. South continued with a low trump from dummy. East followed low, and declarer, playing the percentages. Incessed the eight. When that held and West followed, only one more hurdle remained to be

a club in hand to set up the suit, drew the last trump, discerding the jack of diamonds from the table and the board was high. A diamond to the king allowed declarer to claim the rest of the tricks.

Agassi upset, Chang | Pippen power Bulls to victory | over the Cleveland Cavaliers

pen scored 11 of his 31 points in the decisive third quarter as the Bulls beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 104-96 Friday to begin their playoff defence of the National Basketball Association (NBA) championship. Pippen added 12 rebounds,

five assists and four steals for Chicago who took a 1-0 lead in the first-round, best-of-five series as they shoot for a fourth consecutive NBA title - but their first one without relired superstar Michael Jordan.

Scott Williams added 21 points for the winners. Gerald Wilkins scored 23 points and Tyrone Hill added 16 points and eight rebounds for the injury-ravaged Cavaliers.

Cleveland was without start-ing centre Brad Daugherty and starting forwards Larry Nance and John Williams. Daugherty is suffering from a herniuted disk in his back, Nance has a knee injury, and Williams frac-tured his right thumb in prac-

The Cavs led 51-49 at the half. The Bulls took the lead at 59-57 on a dunk by Pete Myers with 7:43 left in the third quarter and never looked back.

Chicago held the Cavs' leading scorer, Price, to just nine points on 2-of-11 from the

"Give B.J. (Armstrong) and the team credit for doing a good job on him (Price), but you can't expect that in every game," said Pippen. "He's an

Toni Kukoc was a big factor off the bench for Chicago. Playing his first NBA playoff game, Kukoc scored 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds in just 16 minutes of play. "When I come into the game

with emotion, I play much better," he said. Wilkins said the Cavs proved something to themselves, "We were right there, undermanned and all," he said. "We know

we can beat them with what

we've got." In New York, Charles Smith scored eight of his 17 points in the final 4:00 to lead the Knicks past cross-river rivals the New Jersey Nets 91-80 in the opener of their Eastern Conference first-round series.

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Patrick Ewing scored 25 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to pace New York, who held New Jersey without a field goal for nearly nine minutes down the stretch.

Derrick Coleman had 27 points to lead the Nets, but was inuted to one field goal in the fourth quarter.

The Nets bad won four of

five games against the Knicks

during the regular season. New York nursed a 63-61 lead after three quarters, but New Jersev rallied to take a 68-64 lead with 8:53 remaining. The Knicks responded with a 10-0 run over the next two minutes for a re-gain a lead

they would never relinquish. In Houston, Vernon Maxwell scored 24 points, including 10 straight during a 19-6 fourth-quarter surge, to lead the Rockets to a 114-104 win over the Portland Trail Blazers

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opener of their firstround Western Conference Hakeem Olajuwon added 26

points, 10 rebounds and six blocks to fuel the Rockets. In Phoenix, Charles Barkley scored 36 points and .grabbed 19 rebounds as the Phoenix Suns withstood a late rally to

defeat the Golden State Warriors 111-104 in their opener. Kevin Johnson added 24 points and seven assists for the Suns, runners-up to the Bulls last year. Billy Owens scored 27 points and Laterell Sprewell netted 22 for Golden State, who bave lost 19 straight

games in Phoenix. The Suns led 92-80 heading into the final quarter before Golden State went on 15-2 run to move ahead 95-94. Dan Majerle then bit a threepointer to give the Suns the lead for good.

no. 1 seed Stefan Edberg out the \$800,000 Madrid Open

with a two-set win Friday in the

quarterfinals, ending the

Swede's string of 15 set victor-

ies in two years in Madrid

The 26-year-old Yzaga, ranked no. 28 in the world but unseeded at Madrid, won 6-4,

6-2 over the world's no. 3.

In other quarterfinals Fri-day, no. 3 seed Sergi Bruguera

of Spain, defeated no. 5 seed

Carlos Costa of Spain 3-6, 6-2,

6-4; Spaniard Alex Corretja

defeated Jakob Hlasek of

Switzerland 6-3, 6-2; no. 4 seed

Thomas Muster of Austria de-

feated no. 6 Ivan Lendl of the

Bruguera faces Corretja in

the semifinals and Muster

plays Yzaga.
"The important thing was to

United States 2-6, 6-3, 6-0.

without a loss.

Yzaga defeats Edberg

in Madrid championship

MADRID, Spain (AP) - keep pressure on him, espe-Peru's Jaime Yzaga knocked cially with his return of serve,"

Everton close to relegation after 40 years in top flight

LONDON (R) — Everton, one of the traditional "big five" of English soccer, moved closer to relegation from the premier league when they lost 3-0 to Leeds Saturday.

And Tottenbam, another fallen member of English soccer's aristocracy, are also deep in trouble after losing 2-1 at London rivals Wimbledon.

Everton fell into the bottom three for the first time this season after their heavy defeat at Leeds and 40 years in the top flight will end next week if they lose their last match of the season at home to Wimbledon. Even a draw may not be enough to save them.

Everton and Tottenbam were the only relegationthreatened teams who played and lost, as Sheffield United and Southampton both won and Manchester City and Oldbam both drew.

Sheffield United beat Newcastle 2-0 while Mathhew le Tissier inspired Southampton to a 4-1 win over Aston Villa with a masterly display and two priceless goals.

Oldham drew 0-0 with Sheffield Wednesday, while Man-chester City held Chelsea to a 2-2 draw after trailing 2-0 after only 19 minutes.

Despite losing at Sheffield United, Newcastle clinched a UEFA Cup place for next season as Arsenal, the only team who could overtake them and finish third, lost 2-0 at home to West Ham.

The focus was on the bottom of the table with the championship race on hold until Sunday and Monday when league leaders Manchester United play lpswich and secondplaced Blackburn play at

While one era could close on Merseyside with Everton's drop into the first division next week, one era did end in the city Saturday when Liverpool played their last match in front of the world-famous Kop Ter-

After 88 years the hu embankment that once held 27,000 people, is being demolished and being rep by a new all-scater stand in time for the start of next sea-

But Liverpool were unable to mark an emotional afternoon with a victory, playing poorly and losing 1-0 to Nor-

To the great dismay of the Kopites, it was Jeremy Go Norwich and not a Liverpoof player who scored the last specific goal in front of their terracing striking the ball home in the 35th minute.

There was joy at for another visiting team when aiready-relegated Swindon Town won 3-1 at Queens Park Rangers. It was their first away win of the season in their last away match and meant they completed the double over the London side, Norwegian striker Jan Ejortoft was among their scorers.

Graf loses rare set but advances in Hamburg

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) - Steffi Graf lost only her second set this year Friday, struggling to a 7-5, 3-6, 6-0 victory over Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva to reach the

semifinals of the Citizen Cup. The victory ran Graf's win-ning streak to 35 matches, but the world's top-ranked player appeared in danger of losing ber first match in 1994 after being upset by Maleeva in the seconds set.

The German charged back in the third set, capturing all bot one of the first 12 points against Maleeva, and forcing Maleeva into errors.

"I moved badly for two sets. was unconcentrated, but thank God 1 got myself under control for the third set," Graf

. "I lost my concentration,"
Maleeva said. "Because I was angry at the way 1 played there at the start.

The 19-year-old Maleeva

said Yzaga, whose most recent

ATP win came last fall in an

indoor tournament in Sydney.

"Nowadays, lots of players are capable of beating the top

players," Yzaga added. "The

only exception might be Sam-

pras (world no. 1 Pete Sam-

Edberg, the defending tournament champion, had

trouble with Yzaga's quick-

ness, and though be's not

known as a strong clay-court

player, Edberg said he had

been playing well on elay this year and admitted this was his

"I didn't serve well and 1 didn't return will," Edberg said. "I never did feel the ball.

My timing was off — 1 was

trying too much. I knew this would be a tough match, but I

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was Monica Seles' opponent last year in a quarterfinal match at this tournament in Hamburg when an obsessed Graf fan stabbed Seles during a

Seles was ranked first on the WTA circuit then but has not played since, allowing Graf to take over the top ranking. She has been playing in Hamburg after receiving death threats and security for the tournament is tight. Graf's semifinal opponent

will be third-seeded Czech Jana Novotna, who ousted Germany's Barbara Rittner 6-Spaion's Arantxa Sanchez

Vicario also advanced by edging Georgia's Leila Mes-khi, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3). Spain's Arantxa Sanchez

Vicario also advanced by edging Georgia's Leila Meskhi, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) and will face Sabine Hack, In an all-German duel, Hack beat Anke Huber, 6-3,

Maleeva challenged Graf. from the start. Graf finally broke Maleeva to lead 6-5, but the Bulgarian fought of three set points and watched Graf net her first

serve on the fourth.

give up" before turning to the crowd and saying: "I didn't really mean that." After finally succumbing, Maleeva jumped to a 3-0 lead

It prompted Graf to yell; 14

in the second set. After Graf slammed a fore-

hand return for a winner and made a perfect drop shot to break Maleeva's serve, Graf appeared to be able to salvage But Maleeva responded with

some return winners to break back, take a 4-2 lead and hold on to win a set from Graf for the first time since Natalia Zverera on March 20 at the Lipton Championships in Key Biscayne, Fla.

Stich into Munich semis

MUNICH, Germany (AP) -Micbael Sticb, the world's second-ranked player, reached the semifinals of the BMW Open Friday by battling past South Africa's Wayne Ferreira in a ragged 6-4, 6-7 (3-7), 7-6 (7-1) match.

Stich, boping to become the first German to capture the tournament since Rolf Gehring in 1980, needed to rally in the third set to pull out a victory against the 22-year-old South

After going down a break in the third set, Stich trailed 6-5 before he earned a rebreak and set up the tiebreaker. "That was a crummy, badly played match," the German

said. "I'm not moving freely, I'm too tight." Stich routed the eighth-seed in the tiebreaker, but he converted match point without hitting a shot. Ferreira's last hope

disappeared when be was penalised a point for banging bis racket on the clay court.

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14 jailed for conspiracy in Sudan

KHARTOUM (AFP) — Fourteen opposition figures, including the army's former supreme commander, have been sentenced to between two and 10 years in jail for conspiring to topple the government, judicial officials said Saturday. A special civil tribunal announced it had sentenced nine out of 17 people tried in absentia to 10 years for conspiring against the government of Omar Al Bashir's. They included former army Commander-in-Chief General Fathi Ahmad Ali, former security chief General Al Hadi Bushra, and former deputy Chief of Staff General Abdul Rahman Saeed. They were charged with sending teams to Lebanon for explosives training m order to carry out sabotage and assassinations inside Sudan as a precursor to a coup. The remaining eight tried in their absence were acquittted. Five of the nine defendants present in court, who were arrested in May, were jailed for between two and seven years. The remaining four were acquitted.

Bomb defendants' sentencing delayed

NEW YORK (R) — The sentencing of the four men convicted of bombing the World Trade Centre has been delayed until May 25, federal prosecutors said. The sentencing had been set for Wednesday and a clerk for U.S. District Judge Kevin Duffy said the delay was due to "administrative reasons." However, the postponement was announced just before Tuesday's arguments before the second circuit court of appeals as to whether Judge Duffy ruled properly in denying the defendants' wish to be represented by lawyer William Kunstler. The outcome of the session could have delayed the

Swedish airplane bomb threat was hoax

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Passengers on a British Airways flight were briefly delayed Saturday while police determined that a telephone bomb threat was a hoax. "We received the bomb threat two minutes before the plane landed," police spokeswoman Inger Jonsson-Duf said of the plane at Stockholm's Arlanda airport, "But the threat was apparently a hoax." The threat against the London-to-Stockholm airliner was telephoned to British Airways' reservation office in Newcastle. England, and passed on by air traffic controllers to Stockholm, an airline spokeswoman said, "The captain of the plane was unaware or the inreat until contacted by the airport officials," said Birgitta Rambring of the Arlanda police. Passengers were prevented from disembarking for about 30 minutes because of the threat. They left the plane by 3 p.m. and were questioned in the terminal, and bomb-sniffing dogs were searching the luggage, police said. The aircraft had 66 passengers and a crew of seven abroad. unaware of the threat until contacted by the airport officials,

Sudan central bank damaged by fire

KHARTOUM (AP) - Sudan's central bank was gutted in a fire that broke out before dawn Saturday and raged for five hours, fire officials said. There were no reports of injuries. Bank anthorities said in a statement that furniture and equipment had been lost in the hlaze but that cash and important documents in the bank's safe were spared. It was the fourth major fire in the Sndanese capital in the past two months. The state-owned Bank of Khartoum was seriously damaged in a fire last month, and privately owned packaging and perfume companies also were destroyed. An official with the fire brigade said the central bank lacked proper safety controls and had insufficient fire-fighting equipment. The government appointed a committee to investigate the cause of the blaze and determine losses.

'China supplying chemicals to Iraq'

DAMASCUS (AFP) — An Iraqi Kurdish opposition group on Saturday alleged China was supplying Iraq with chemical weapons through a third country. "Kurdish police intercepted on the night of April 17 two trucks carrying 19 tonnes of sodium phosphate used to make mustard gas and chemical weapons," a statement by the Patriotic Umon of Kurdistan (PUK) said. The chemicals were smuggled into Iraq through a "neighbouring" third country, according to the statement received here by AFP which did not identify the country. The truck drivers "admitted during questioning" they were trying to transport the chemicals through Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq to regions controlled by the Iraqi central government.

S. Korea plans direct air routes to Israel

-SEOUL (AP) - South Korea is working to establish direct air routes to Israel and five other nations by June, the foreign ministry said Friday. South Korea expects to conclude agreements with Morocco, Argentina, Uzbekistan, Bulgaria, and South Africa, along with Israel, ministry officials said. The South Korean government is near agreement on establishing a Seoul-Tel Aviv ronte, they said.

Police kill 7 suspects in southern Egypt

·CAIRO (AP) — Police killed seven suspected extremists in a dawn ambush Saturday in southern Egypt, security officials said. It was the heaviest blow against the militants since Feb. 1, when police killed seven suspected extremists from southern Egypt in a Cairo raid. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said police encircled the militant's hideout early Saturday in the town of Tahta in Sohag province, 420 kilometres south of Cairo. The men were killed as they tried to shoot their way out, the officials said.

Military court jails Egyptian reporter

CAIRO (AP) - A military court on Saturday convicted a reporter from an opposition newspaper for revealing military secrets about U.S.-Egyptian manocuvres and sentenced him to a year in jail. Abdul Sattar Abu Hussein, 32, who works for Al Shaab newspaper, also was ordered to pay a fine of 500 Egyptian pounds (\$150). It was the first time in recent Egyptian history that a military court sentenced a reporter for a newspaper story. Military prosecutors declined comment, saying they could not speak about court rulings. The case involved an article Mr. Abu Hussein wrote on April 1 saying that joint U.S.-Egyptian manoeuvres, held every other year and code named Bright Star, would be expanded in 1995 to include Britain and Germany. The military prosecutor's office charged him with revealing military secrets. He was detained April 3 for three days, but released on bail during the

Syria holds family members of late dissident

NICOSIA (AP) - Syrian authorities are holding 11 relatives and friends of former strongman Salah Jadid, ousted by President Hafez Al Assad in 1970 then imprisoned until he died in captivity last fall, former prisoners and family members say. They were arrested immediately after Jadid's death aged .63 after 23 years in Damascus' Al Mezze prison, because family members opened his coffin, apparently seeking to arrange an independent autopsy to determine the cause of death. Hakam Fayyez, a former dissident who spent 25 years in Syrian prisons until his release last year, told the Associated Press that the family had been warned by Syrian security authorities not to press for an independent examination. Nine of the men are Salah Jadid's nephews and the other two are family friends, he said. Mahmoud Jadid, a family member who fled Syria 22 years ago and now lives in Algeria, told the AP the Damascus authorities arrested the men, including his sons Nidal and Salah, Aug. 23, 1993, and have held them without charge since then.

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Japanese foreign minister due here this week

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Japanese Fore-ign Minister Koji Kakizawa is scheduled to visit Jordan this week as part of a Middle East tour, his first after assuming office last week, diplomats said Saturday.

The visit is seen as a reflection of the importance Japan attaches to the Middle East peace process, given the fact that it comes so soon after Mr. Kakizawa, a diplomatturned-politician, was sworn in last week as a member of the government of Tsutomo

His Majesty King Hussein, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and other Jordanian officials are

expected to hold talks with Mr. Kakizawa.

A diplomatic source said the minister's talks in Amman would deal with "bilateral relations, mutual cooperation in various fields and the current situation in the Middle East.

"It is expected that the minister would make a significant and substantial announcement on the bilateral level while in Jordan," said the source, who declined to be identified. The source also declined to elaborate.

Mr. Kakizawa is scheduled to being his May 2-8 Middle East visit in Egypt and then proceed to Israel and the occupied territories before arriving in Jordan for a twoday visit on May 5. He will leave the Middle East on

May 8 after talks in Damas-

While in the occupied territories he will meet with Palestinian leaders there.

The main theme of the visit is expected to be an assessment of the 29-month-old Arab-Israeli peace negotia-tions and the Japanese role in the multilateral phase of the peace process. Tokyo chairs the multi-

lateral working group on the environment and is vice-chairman of the working groups on water and regional economic cooperation. In this capacity, Japan is expected to contribute to developing means and mechanisms to protect the environment and also to address the chronic water shortage in the Middle East.

Japanese officials have said that their country wants to shed its sole image as a donor and is seeking a higherprofile political role in the international scene in the wake of the unfolding of the "new world order" in the post-Soviet Union era.

Jordanian-Japanese relations have been traditionally strong and Japanese leaders have affirmed that they appreciated the Kingdom's efforts towards self-reliance through economic readjustment. The Tokyo government has extended significant help to the Kingdom's economic readjustment. During the Gulf crisis, Japan extended assistance worth \$750 million

Mr. Kakizawa, 60, is an economic graduate who

to Jordan.

June 1980.

Democratic Party (LDP), Mr. Kakizawa served as viceminister in the Nakasone government until 1986 and was elected chairman of the Foreign Relations Commit-

week as foreign minister Mr. Kakizawa served as Parhamentary vice-minister for foreign affairs (November

served the Ministry of Finance, the Department of Taxation, and the Japanese embassy in Belgium before being elected to parliament in

with three children.

A member of the Liberal

tee of parliament in March 1990. He was also director of the national defence division of the party in 1991. Before taking office last

1991-93). Mr. Kakizawa is married

By Rana Husseini

The woman, identified as

The woman was taken to Princess Basma Hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival. Police declined comment on the inci-

This is the ninth "crime of honour" reported in Jordan this year.

Also in Irhid. on Friday, a 23-year-old man, who friends said was "boasting" with a gun, shot and killed himself accidently.

A witness, described as a friend of the victim, told police that after attending a wedding in Irbid, they went to look for a taxi to take them home.

While waiting for a taxi, the witness told police, Issa S. drew a gun he was carrying and pointed it to his head and pushed the trigger thinking the safety pin was on. According to the witness, a hullet was fired and struck the man in the head, killing him instantly.

A CDD official called on the

public to take extra precautions when handling guns and

Britain helping anti-Iran 'terrorists'-Tehran paper

cused Britain Saturday of sheltering "anti-Iranian terrorists. worsening long acrimonious relations with London which claims Tehran is aiding the Irish Republican

The British claim bolstered a U.S. campaign against Iran for allegedly sponsoring "terror-, ism" and is likely to sharpen growing international efforts to force Tehran to rein in its extremists.

The Tehran Times daily. which usually reflects Iranian foreign ministry policy, de-clared in an editorial: "Western powers. Britain among them, cannot plead ignorance when it comes to the terrorist nature of anti-Iranian groups

they harbour in the West.' Excerpts from the editorial in the English-language newspaper were reported hy the official Islamic Republic News

Agency (IRNA).
The British allegations were made Thursday, when U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher was in London en route for the Middle East.

Mr. Christopher weighed in the next day in Cairo, where he declared his "deep anger at the continued terrorism projected by Iran."

called the British accusation was a "smokescreen to hide

Iran's Foreign Ministry has

"totally groundless."
The Tehran Times said it

the fact that Western-hased anti-Iranian terrorists are providing material and personnel 10 tradi-based terrorists to attack targets inside the islamic republic.

It did not name any particular dissident group, but the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, the main Iranian opposition movement, is based in Baghdad and maintains a sizeable military force in Iraq which has fre-quently carried out attacks in

In London, a British Foreign Office spokesman denied London has "no contact of any kind with the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq group.'

But he noted that "opposition groups from any country are free to operate in the United Kingdom within the law... if the Iranians have any evidence of illegal activity they should let us have sight of it."

The Tehran Times maintained that the Iranian government has come under "increasing domestic public opinion pressure" for oot allowing militant German, French and Irish groups to have offices in Tehran while anti-Iranian groups "enjoy almost full diplomatic rights" in those coun-

Another newspaper, the Jomhuri Eslami daily, called on Tehran to reduce diplomatic and economic relations with London "to the lowest possible

Jordan lifts restrictions (Continued from page 1)

homeland to seek better living

conditions here.

It mainly allowed in businessmen, sick people who sought treatment here or abroad and students who possessed Jordanian passports as

well as tourists and those who come for family reunions. The Kingdom also changed

passport procedures. It gave Palestinians who reside in the West Bank temporary twoyear passports and revoked their citizenship rights in Jor-

.Iordan to send observer

(Continued from page 1) \$2 million and \$3 million, but that no firm agreement has been reached with the Londonbased agency.

No official confirmation was available whether the government had accepted to pay the costs. Shipping agents and importers, exasperated with the costly delays and diversions of

ships carrying cargo for Jordan, appear resigned into accepting the cost.
"If it is inevitable, we might as well pay it," said an importer. "A few cents on every tonne of imported cargo is much better than the \$15 or

\$20 per tone or the \$500 or

\$1,000 per container that we

have to pay now." Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali said lasi week that Lloyds Register was free to "observe" all incoming and outgoing cargo at the port of Agaha and report to the U.N. Sanctions Committee hut the international agency will not

"inspect" the cargo. "There is a distinct difference between 'inspection' and ohservation'." Dr. Majali said. "There will not be any 'inspection' at Aqaba."

It was not immediately known whether the U.S. was agreeable to that distinction and whether the "fine tuning" that Mr. Christopher talked about was related to this point.

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Bardot appeals to end bull festival

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) -French animal rights activist Brigitte Bardot has issued an appeal to end the annual Festival of Buils in which the animals are let loose and hunted down hy residents in some Brazilian villages. "The annual celebration of the horrible Fesnival of Bulls this year has again shocked and disgusted international public opinion," the former actress said in an Aoril 26 letter to President Itamar Franco and the governor of the state of Santa Catarina. The letter from the Brigitte Bardot Foundation said the Easter week custom of starving hulls and letting them free to be stoned and tortured hefore being slanghtered by villagers in southern Brazil was "unbearable cruelty" inflicted hy "degenerate Brazilians" in the name of an ancestral custom.

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Man jailed for 28 years in videotaped rape case

LONDON (R) - A 43-year old man wno videotaged himself raping young girls was sentenced to 28 years in jail in what the judge said was the longest term he had ever given. Adrian Mole, from Dorset in southern England, was found guilty of 10 charges of rape and one of attempted buggery. The court had been sold Mr. Mole forced two girls to have sex and then threatened to disfigure them if they reported him. The two victims, now in their 20s. said the attacks started when they were under 16, the age of consent, with one girl only 11.
Jailing Mr. Mole, Judge Martin Tucker said: "This was not just rape, it was torture you were getting your satisfaction from. This is the longest sentence I have imposed or have heard of being imposed in a case of this kind," the judge

Sex-change couple 👍 appeal to the daseu

LONDON (R) - A couple having sex change operations have appealed to Queen Elizabeth to support their campaign to marry under their new dentities, a British newspaper said Saturday. Although they are legally allowed to marry. Janeen Newham and David Wiliis would have to assume their old genders for the wedding ceremony as British statute does not recognise sexchange surgery. Newham, 47, would be addressed as the groom, not the hride, because she was born a man. Willis would be asked whether he wanted to take his girlfriend as his lawfully wedded hushand. The couple, who met five years ago just hefore Newham's operation to become a woman, told the Daily Mirror they had appealed in desperation to the queen to take up their case. We want to be married in a dignified manner, as is considered for non transsexuals." said the letter to the queen, written by Janeen, who as John Newham worked as a trawler captain. "We seek only that we address each other in sincerity. I to take David as my hushand and he to take the as his wife." The newspaper did not say whether Buckingham Palace had responded to the letter.
We've been through all the nastiness, the nuisance calls, the vandalism, the stares," said Willis, who has an eight-yearold daughter from his life as a woman. "Wha! we want is to be happy together and we are prepared to come our into the

Woman Jailed for dumping screaming baby

LONDON (R) - A London judge jailed a "cold, calculating and dangerous" woman for two years after she tied her screaming baby inside 2 plastic bag and left it to die in rubiish container. The four-month-old girl survived only because a neighbour heard sounds coming from the communal bin, the court was told. The woman, who could not be named, said she just wanted some peace and quiet. A psychiatrist described her as sane and intelligent. "Having seen you and having heard you give evidence I wholeheartedly agree and I would add cold, agree and I would add com, calculating, determined, very inner London Crown Court the 23-year-old manager told the 23-year-old woman.

Irbid man kills sister 'crime of honour'

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A 23-year-old woman was stabbed to death in Irbid on Friday by her hrother for alleged adultery, a Civil Defence Department (CDD) report said.

Aysheh S., received several stabs in the chest and neck inflicted hy her brother who surrendered to police immediately after the incident, a CDD official said.

The official told the Jordan Times that the woman had been divorced three months ago and the brother accused her of adultery.

In his testimony to police and CDD officials, the brother, who was not identified, said his family asked him to kill his sister to "cleanse the family honour," after they were informed by relatives that the woman was having an affair with someone. He told police he took a knife, went to

his house where his sister lived and stahbed her.

A 22-year-old Lebanese man Army (IRA). convicted of the rape and murder of an eight-year-old girl was hanged on April 23 in the

southern part of Sidon. The death sentences were believed to be the first by a Lebanese court against mem-bers of Syria's 35,000-strong forces in Lebanon.

Under the Jordan-PLO

agreement, the senior official

said, it was expected that the

Jordanian dinar was not going

to be the main currency in the

occupied territories and that

the Central Bank of Jordan

was only going to supervise the hanks "until the time the

Palestinians were able to estab-

lish their own monetary an-

"The agreement never said

that Jordan will take over the

monetary affairs of the Palesti-

nian entity... It is still going to

take some time before the

Palestinians establish a monet-

ary authority and the Jordan-

PLO agreement stands until

Critics, the official said,

have to understand that "we in

Jordan want them (the PLO)

to have authority and to super-

their activities in the civil administration and the PLO had

Palestinians said the only

visible signs of change have

been Israel's evacuation of

some military sites and the civil

administration buildings in

Gaza, and the establishment of

headquarters for Palestinian

PLO officials said the in-

terim Palestinian anthority in

self-rule areas would rely

heavily on existing administra-

tive structures and the exper-

tise of Arabs who worked for

"It seems unlikely we can

move in without relying on the

existing structure because we

tried to design new structures

and plan the transition, but we

were frustrated," Dr. Qassis

PLO activist Hanan Ashra-

wi, a former spokeswoman for

Palestinian negotiators, said it

was natural to utilise the ex-

isting administrative

framework hut "Palestinians

should not adopt Israeli plans

and implement them

wholesale.

police in the strip.

Israeli authorities.

that time," he added.

vise their own affairs."

failed to fill the vacuum.

ethnic Mohajir movement (see story on page 8)

refused to extradite him.

Lehanon reactivated the

death penalty last month in a

bid to restore law and order

after the 1975-1990 civil war,

during which rival militias set

up their own courts and put

dozens of alleged criminals to

nation struck hy a killer quake

like the Lebanese civil war,

other considerations," Mr.

Hariri has said.

cial said.

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Jalil Antonious, 47, on Nov. living in Belgium, which has Gammoh positive on Paris deal

VIOLENCE IN KARACHI: Unidentified masked

gunmen take position at a street corner on Saturday in an upsarge of violence linked to the

BAABDA (Agencies) — Two Syrians convicted of killing two

jewellery store owners were

hanged early Saturday.

Abdul Karim Jeij, 24, and

Hassan Zaatar, 26, went to a

twin scaffold at the courtyard

of the justice palace in this hillton town east of Beirut be-

The pair, wrapped in flowing

white gowns with their hands cuffed behind their backs as

they dangled from the gallows.

were pronounced dead hy a

A crowd of about 500 spec-

The scene was only 150

metres from the jewellery shop

where the two Syrians mur-

dered its owners, hrothers

Ghassan Antonious, 42, and

tators watched the execution

coroner two minutes later,

from 30 metres away.

fore dawn.

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an advantage, trade between the East and West Bank, Israel and the PLO had agreed to free movement of goods at what appears to be the same prices as those offered in Israel while placing Jordan in a situa-

tion where its exports to the territories will be taxed. "Jordan will be dealt with as if it is exporting to Israel,"

another economist said. A senior official defending the agreement said that the critics were looking at the agreement only from one angle and forgetting that this agreement is between Israel and the PLO and that that is "only one

front" of the over all picture. "It is not a zero sum " said the official, who

Arafat's office said Mr. Rabin

had insisted Israel should en-

dorse all names of PLO per-

sonnel to be involved in the

new administration before let-

ting them move into Gaza or

But Mr. Ghosheh said the

PLO would resist any Israeli

attempts to veto officials in the

"This is purely a PLO matter

and we will not let Israel

choose our officials in the two

Meanwhile Palestinians in

the occupied lands said the

PLO is poorly prepared to take over from Israeli administra-

tors just days before Palesti-

nian self-rule is due to start in

new administration.

areas." he said.

provement on the living and work conditions of Palestinians is good for us," the official

Lebanon hangs Syrian murder convicts

The victim's elder brother,

"My brothers are dead long

time," he said, "but only as of

today I can mourn them. Jus-

tice has done a good job hut

nothing will hring back my brothers."

and Zaatar guilty of first de-

gree murder last month and

sentenced both to hang. Presi-

dent Flias Hrawi and Prime

Minister Rafik Hariri ratified

A third convict, Lebanese

Nimeh Hamadeh, was sent-

enced to death in absentia in

the same crime. He managed

to flee Lebanon two days after

the murder and has since been

the sentence Thursday.

A criminal court found Jeij

Salim Antonious, wept as he heard soldiers say the hangings

23, 1992.

were a fact.

He said that the opening up of trade between Jordan and the Palestinian entity, at any level, is an improvement on the current situation where "there is almost no trade."

He said that the agreement provides for a favoured trade status for Jordan and Egypt ahead of other Islamic and

Arah countries. "What is happening is that a new market is opening up across the border," the official said. "Instead of being fearful and criticising the situation from afar we should be ready to take advantage of the situa-

"There can be no progress or success when we are crippled hy fear," the senior offi-

asked for anonymity. "Any im-

Arafat confident of self-rule signing (Continued from page 1)

the Gaza Strip and Jericho. "As an academic, I really He said that would include preparing a list of PLO officials don't know how Palestinians and Palestinians from Gaza can take over, I see no reason for optimism," said Nahil Oasand the West Bank who will sis, director-general of 30 techparticipate in the self-rule authority.
PLO sources close to Mr. nical committees appointed by the PLO to prepare for the

transfer.

He accused both Israel and the PLO of obstructing preparations for the transfer of administrative authority. Israel, he said, had not handed over civil administra-

nians how to use its computer system in Gaza and Jericho. The PLO had set up duplicate institutions - in Tunis and the occupied territories to prepare for the handover and failed to make proper plans for taking charge of the Palestinian population. Dr.

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Oassis 10ld Reuters. Palestinian officials said Israeli authorities in Gaza and Jericho had already frozen

Ekland from 1964 to 1909 and expense

the city," said the U.N. source in the capital who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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